2.6.6 Appointments to Endowed Professorships

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An endowed professorship (also referred to as an endowed chair) is one of the highest honors bestowed on a member of the faculty. This prestigious appointment recognizes his or her many outstanding accomplishments and contributions. When a gift is made to the University for the endowment of a professorship, the donor frequently stipulates the school, department, and/or general interest area. The donor may not, however, stipulate a specific faculty member to hold the endowed professorship. The process for designating a faculty member for an endowed professorship begins with a recommendation from the school Dean to the Provost, who evaluates and approves the recommendation. The recommendation may be for a term of years, tied to a particular administrative appointment, in a manner consistent with the needs of the School and the donor’s intentions, or for an unspecified period of time. The endowed chair holder holds his or her endowed professorship at the pleasure of the Provost. The President reports the appointment of endowed chair holders to the Board of Trustees.