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SOAS EMERITUS TITLES

1. The School may confer the title of Emeritus Professor or Emeritus Reader upon a Professor or Reader respectively who has retired from the School (i.e. is in receipt of an immediate and full pension) and who has given distinguished service to SOAS.

2. The paragraph above also applies to the Director of the School if he or she is a Professor or Reader.

3. Professors or Readers taking early retirement are eligible to be considered for an appropriate Emeritus title. Professors or Readers who resign in order to take up a(n academic) position (or employment) elsewhere are not otherwise eligible to be considered.

4. The Clerk to the Board of Trustees shall, after consultation with the appropriate Head of Department and with the agreement of the Director and the Pro-Directors, award Emeritus status on behalf of the School.

5. If the individual under consideration is a Head of Department, then the Clerk to the Board of Trustees shall consult with the appropriate Pro-Director and, with the agreement of the Director and the other Pro-Director(s), award Emeritus status on behalf of the School.

6. If the individual under consideration is a Pro-Director, then the Clerk to the Board of Trustees shall, with the agreement of the Director and the other Pro-Director(s), award Emeritus status on behalf of the School.

7. If the individual under consideration is the Director, then the Clerk to the Board of Trustees shall, with the agreement of the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Pro-Directors, award Emeritus status on behalf of the School.

8. The Clerk to the Board of Trustees shall write, on behalf of the School, to inform the individual and the matter should be noted at the following meeting of Academic Board and the Board of Trustees. The letter will detail the benefits which the award of Emeritus Status confers. The individual concerned is entitled to:

- a) Library membership
- b) Use the Staff Common Room
- c) Attend lectures and seminars

9. The Board of Trustees of the School shall have the right to withdraw the title of Emeritus Professor or Emeritus Reader from an individual who is no longer deemed to merit the title. It is for the Board of Trustees to decide the grounds on which such an action may be taken.

10. A panel, which shall be constituted as the Board Trustees determines, but which shall have as a majority of its members Professors from the School, shall be set up to consider a case for withdrawal of Emeritus status. The panel will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

11. The decision of the Board of Trustees is final and there is no right of appeal.

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