

EMERITUS SOCIETY EVENTS

To stay apprised of what is going on with the Emeritus Society, check the web site under "Events". Some of the things the Society is currently doing:

Bi-weekly Coffee Hour

This is available every two weeks in the Emeritus Society lounge in Owen Library. Check the Events link on the Society web site for dates and times.

Showcase Retirees' Reception

All WSU retirees are invited to attend the Showcase Retirees Reception scheduled for March each year. Watch the Emeritus Society Events listing for more details.

Occasional Social Hour

The Emeritus Society recently sponsored a no-host social hour at the Old Post Office wine bar in Pullman. Invitations to future events of this sort will be posted on the Emeritus Society Events web page, and/or emailed to members.

Committees

Several Emeritus Society committees have been established to help pursue Emeritus Society goals. The committees focus on university affairs, community affairs, collegial support, and development. Details about committee missions are provided on the Emeritus Society web site, under "Committees".

"CREATING A LEGACY"

The Emeritus Society has developed a funds that will enable you to support the efforts of the Society.

Emeritus Society Development Fund—These funds will be used to help develop and enhance the efforts of the Society and eventually being used to support a student scholarship program.

OTHER HELPFUL RETIREMENT WEB SITES

All of the following links can be found on our website under Retirement Links

Department of Retirement Services

www.dr.s.wa.gov/administration/direction/contact.htm

TIAA-CREF

www.tiaa-cref.com

Social Security

www.ssa.gov/

Medicare

www.medicare.gov

AARP

www.aarp.org/

Elderhostel

www.elderhostel.org/default.asp

Alliance for Retired Americans

www.retiredamericans.org/

American Geriatrics Society

www.americangeriatrics.org/

Firstgov for Seniors

www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors.shtml

Civic Ventures

www.civicventures.org/

WHITMAN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Senior citizens and disabled persons exemptions: If you own a residence, you may be entitled to a property tax exemption. To qualify you must be 61 years old or retired because of a disability, the property must be your main residence, and have a limited income. For application forms and further information, please call the Whitman County Assessor at (509)397-6220.



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**A Guide for
Emeritus Faculty at
Washington State University**

BECOMING AN EMERITUS

Emeritus rank is granted in recognition of service to Washington State University. It is the last earned rank that will be accorded to eligible faculty upon their retirement. To be eligible, faculty must be at least 60, and have retired with 10 or more years of service at WSU. Alternatively, faculty who retire before age 60 may become emeritus if they have completed at least 25 years of service to the university AND have held an eligible faculty rank at WSU for at least five years.

A retiring faculty member who wishes to be appointed to emeritus rank should inform his or her department chair or unit director, who will then submit a Personnel Action Form (PAF) to Human Resource Services. If there are questions about how the PAF should be filled out, these should be directed to HRS (509-335-3163).

A letter of recognition will be sent by the Provost and Executive Vice President to each newly appointed emeritus faculty member.

Every five years, HRS will ask departments and units whether they wish to renew an emeritus faculty member's appointment; faculty should find out whether their department or unit's policy is to automatically renew, or whether they will need to request a renewal.

PRIVILEGES OF EMERITUS RANK

The Emeritus rank shall entail continued campus courtesies including the options to:

- 1) Use library and recreational facilities;
- 2) Receive publications sent to active faculty and members of the Alumni Association;
- 3) Participate in contract, grant, and other scholarly endeavors;
- 4) Negotiate with academic Chairs or Directors for office space, laboratory space, and computer (retain internet and e-mail@wsu.edu privileges) and facility access as available;
- 5) Participate in academic convocations, commencements and other academic endeavors; and
- 6) Request that their names be retained in the University catalog until their death.

Emeritus faculty status is the last earned rank that will be accorded to eligible faculty upon their retirement. Emeritus faculty are encouraged to remain an important part of the University. Department Chairs and unit Directors are encouraged to assist Emeritus faculty in maintaining a continuing relationship with the department, school, college, and University as is feasible and mutually acceptable. "The Ethics in Public Service Act (RCW 42.52) provides that state employees cannot use state resources for personal benefit or their state positions to obtain special privileges."

EMERITUS SOCIETY

Membership in the Washington State University Emeritus Society is open to all faculty (as defined by the Faculty Manual, and including academic, extension, library, and student affairs faculty) who have retired from the University but who wish to maintain an active relationship with it. Emeritus faculty who no longer live close to WSU are encouraged to become members and continue their association with the University. Retired faculty can join the Society simply by contacting the Society office with their name and preferred contact information. Emeritus faculty who maintain a campus office should also provide their office address.

Information about the Society, including by-laws, is available at the Society web site: www.wsu.edu/emertussociety

ID CARD

To obtain your valid emeritus ID Card you will need to go to the Cougar Card Center located in the CUB.

E-MAIL

All WSU retirees retain their WSU email address for one year after retirement. Emeritus faculty may retain WSU email privileges indefinitely. This status must be reported by the department or unit, or it can be updated by the Emeritus Society upon request.

EMERITUS SOCIETY OFFICE/MEETING SPACE

Office space is available to Emeritus Society members. There are 6 offices available. The office space does not provide you with a computer or a phone. There is wireless access for your computer but no Ethernet hookups. Currently the office space is limited to occupying it for a one semester time frame. An extension can be requested if there is no waitlist for the space. We also have an Emeritus Lounge that is available for meetings. To schedule call the Emeritus Society Business Office at 509-335-8090.

LIBRARY ACCESS

Emeritus and other retired faculty may check out books from the WSU libraries; use Griffin, Summit, and ILLIAD; and log on to the WSU Library's electronic databases. Library staff can assist in setting up a network ID and password if necessary. You need to contact Access Services (509)335-9675 or email libweb@wsu.edu by June 30th every year to renew your access.

LISTING IN CAMPUS DIRECTORIES

Emeritus faculty who wish to appear in campus electronic and paper directories are urged to ask appropriate staff in their department or unit to see that their Personnel Action Form has been completed and submitted correctly and that their contact information is reported along with that of the regular faculty.

PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

All retirees are eligible for free Golden Cougar permit, which can be picked up at the WSU Parking and Transportation Services building on the corner of and Colorado and D Streets. This permit allows parking in green, yellow, red, and blue zones (but not in orange or gray ones). Golden Cougar permit holders can also park in campus spaces signed for visitors only, and they receive reciprocal parking rights in designated lots at the University of Idaho.

Retirees who have a state disability permit will also need to obtain a WSU disability permit to be able to park in designated campus spaces.

Emeritus faculty are eligible to receive faculty/staff discounts on Pullman Transit buses in Pullman and on the Wheatland Express commuter buses that link Pullman and Moscow.

Pullman Transit operates Dial-A-Ride, a van service for senior citizens and residents who are disabled or temporarily disabled. Door-to-door service is offered 6:50 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Riders must be pre-approved by Pullman Transit. The application form can be downloaded from the Pullman Transit web site (see below) and mailed or delivered to the Pullman Transit office.

WSU Parking and Transportation Services

Phone: 509-335-PARK (7275) between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (7:00 to 5:00 in the summer)

Email: parking@wsu.edu Web site: www.parking.wsu.edu/

Pullman Transit (City of Pullman) 509-332-6535

Dial-A-Ride 332-5471

TUITION WAIVERS

Under Washington state law RCW 28B.15.540, senior citizens can take classes at WSU for a \$5.00 fee on a space-available basis. The form required for registering under this waiver can be downloaded from the Emeritus Society web site at

www.wsu.edu/emertussociety (Click on "Resources").

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

Retired WSU employees may purchase memberships and rent lockers at the Student Recreation Center at the same rates as employed faculty and staff. A spouse or partner is also eligible to purchase an additional membership at a small discount.

BOOKS AND GIFTS

Bookie & Bookie Too: 10% discount on general books *present WSU ID.