

Laramie County Community College
EMERITUS DESIGNATION
Nomination and Application Form



The designation of Emeritus Status is an honorary designation, in title alone, awarded by the Board of Trustees of Laramie County Community College (LCCC) to retirees who have been nominated for demonstrated exemplary contributions to the College.

To nominate an individual for emeritus status designation, please complete this form in its entirety. Faculty nominations should be advanced to the appropriate dean of the school the faculty member last served in. For staff, nominations should be advanced to the appropriate member of the President's Cabinet with oversight of the area/position the staff nominee last served in. Nominations for Trustee should be advanced to the Executive Assistant to the President/Board Secretary.

A completed, draft resolution should also be submitted with this form. An example of content and format of a resolution for the Board of Trustees' consideration is included below.

Nominee: Jeri Griego

Nominators : Denise Rogers, Jeff Shmidl and Carla Ostic

Date: 05/12/2017

Proposed For: ☐ Trustee Emeritus ☐ Administrator, Professional Staff, Classified Staff Emeritus
☒ Faculty Emeritus

Criteria

Nominees must have a record of distinguished service to LCCC. Depending upon the category, distinguished service to the College may be evidenced by the following. Check all that apply.

X A record of excellence in performance of professional responsibilities (appropriate to the candidate's category). Please check all that apply.

X Teaching and the facilitation of learning;

☐ Other instructional or instructional-related services (e.g., Library, etc.); or

☐ Professional performance within the candidate's job responsibilities.

Please provide a detailed explanation of how the Nominee meets the checked areas:

Jeri Griego began her career at LCCC as an adjunct faculty member in 1987, and in 1996 she was hired as a full-time faculty member.

Jeri's dedication to student learning and her commitment to excellence in teaching are evident in the long list of faculty and teaching awards she has received, including three Teaching Excellence awards and the WAACT Faculty Member of the Year Nominee. However, Jeri would tell you that, more meaningful to her than any awards, are the relationships that she has built with her students over the years -- students who remember her as their favorite instructor, students who remember her enthusiasm in the classroom, her enthusiasm for her subject matter, and her commitment to student success.

Over the years Jeri has taught a wide range of subjects in the business field, such as management, accounting,

sales, advertising, and business communications. Regardless of the subject matter, Jeri has brought knowledge, expertise, passion, enthusiasm, and an amazing ability to connect with her students.

X Meaningful contributions resulting in significant, positive changes to the College, Academy, curriculum or specific programs/services.

Please provide a detailed explanation of how the Nominee meets this criteria:

Jeri's commitment to students and learning is equaled only by her lifelong dedication to service, and she has found many ways to integrate those two passions during her career at LCCC. In the process she has made significant strides toward her own personal goal of making service part of the culture of LCCC.

Service Learning

In her ongoing search to find innovative ways to engage students in the curriculum, Jeri attended a Service Learning conference in 2004. It was a perfect fit for her – a perfect combination of learning and service. Jeri returned from the conference and immediately incorporated it into her Principles of Management class. When the opportunity to apply for grant funding through the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) arose, Jeri successfully applied for a three-year, \$100,000 grant. LCCC was one of only eight community colleges in the nation to receive this award. During the grant period, Service Learning at LCCC grew to include 29 faculty members (from both campuses) and 58 classes, far exceeding the goals set by the AACC grant.

In her own classes, Jeri has masterfully applied service learning as a teaching strategy – a way for students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real life, and a way to bring real benefits to the community. Jeri's former students would tell you that their service learning experiences have changed their perspectives and their lives.

Rotaract

Rotaract is affiliated with Rotary International and is for young adults ages 18-30. Rotary clubs sponsor them, but Rotaract members manage and fund their clubs independently. George McIlvaine, Past District Governor of District 5440 Rotary International, approached Jeri about establishing the first Rotaract chapter in his district -- a district that contains seven states -- at LCCC in 2006. After a successful membership drive, the LCCC chapter of Rotaract was established. Jeri served as the advisor for the LCCC Rotaract chapter for 10 years, and with her mentoring, the chapter thrived -- engaging in local community and international service projects as well as professional development projects. Some of those former Rotaract members are now active members of Rotary chapters around the United States.

The Food Pantry

National studies repeatedly show that a significant percentage of college students experience food insecurity. Recognizing that many of our students here at LCCC are hungry, Jeri was instrumental in launching the LCCC Food Pantry in 2011-2012. The Food Pantry is stocked entirely by donations – from LCCC students, faculty, and staff and from the community. The LCCC Food Pantry not only serves students in need, it also offers learning opportunities for students as they are the ones who staff the pantry.

LCCC Community Garden

Jeri established the LCCC Community Garden a few years ago and is hopeful that the garden will expand in the future. From the beginning, its purpose was to provide fresh, low-cost produce to students and their families.

X A record of sustained involvement and activity that has contributed to the candidate's relevant profession or discipline.

Please provide a detailed explanation of how the Nominee meets this criteria:

Jeri built upon her already formidable professional skills when she completed the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program in 2016. Her CPM project was a redesign of the A.A.S. Business Management program. This redesign was a critical part of updating the business department curriculum.

Jeri lives her commitment to service. She uses her knowledge and skills in the area of management and business not only in the classroom, but in the community. Jeri has served and continues to serve on numerous community boards such as the Family Promise of Cheyenne, Needs, Inc., and the Wyoming National Board Family Assistance Fund.

X Commitment to and participation in shared governance and service to the College.

Please provide a detailed explanation of how the Nominee meets this criteria:

It is entirely possible that there is no single committee on campus that Jeri has not served on at some point during her career at LCCC. For example, some of these committees included the Student Fee Allocation Committee (SFAC), the Excel Committee, Faculty Senate, and more search committees than she can possibly count.

Two of her committee efforts have had important, long-term impact on LCCC.

General Education Revision committee – this committee completed a critical analysis of the Gen Ed requirements here at LCCC. What do all of our graduates need to know? The results of this committee's work have had a broad impact – on programs all across campus and on our articulation agreements with the University of Wyoming.

Online program accreditation – in the early days of online learning at LCCC, Jeri chaired the committee that applied for and received HLC accreditation for our online programs. It was groundbreaking for the time – LCCC requested and received an extension of the college's accreditation to include our online degree and certificate programs. Throughout this 18-month process, Jeri's focus remained where it has always been – on student success. She wanted our programs to be accessible to students who would not otherwise be able to pursue a degree at LCCC.

Noteworthy, during her last academic year before retirement, Jeri served in a key leadership role as the Co-Chair of College Council.

X Additional areas of excellence specific to the candidate's category.

Please provide a detailed explanation of how the Nominee meets this criteria:

Jeri's colleagues will tell you that she is an absolute delight to work with. She brings her commitment, dedication, and unrivaled work ethic to work every day. She always has an ear to listen and an idea to try. Her

experience and her willingness to share that experience have helped her colleagues all across campus. It is particularly noteworthy that Jeri has been selected by the students -- one of the very few faculty members ever asked -- to be their Commencement speaker at the May 2017 graduation ceremony.

LCCC is fortunate that Jeri's commitment and contributions to the college will continue after her retirement in May. She has been nominated to serve on the LCCC Foundation Board.

However, Jeri's lasting legacy will be her students -- all those students who have passed through her classroom or been members in the student groups that she has advised. "Great teachers don't just teach you; they change you." (Vicki Phillips -- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) By this measure alone, Jeri Griego is a great teacher and worthy of LCCC Faculty Emeritus status.

TO BE COMPLETED BY HUMAN RESOURCES:

Hire/Elected Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Retirement Date: mm/dd/yyyy

- ☐ Nomination received from an eligible LCCC employee, student or Trustee
- ☐ Nominee is retired from full-time service at LCCC as an employee or Trustee
- ☐ Nominee held the appropriate role for proposed emeritus designation
- ☐ Nominee meets the required service duration for proposed emeritus designation
- ☐ Nominee has been retired from LCCC for less than two years from nomination date

REQUIRED APPROVALS



Dean Signature (if Faculty Nominee) 5/12/2017
Date



Cabinet Member Signature 5/12/17
Date

President's Signature Date
President's Recommendation: ☐ Approve ☐ Decline

Trustees Signature Date

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, starting in 1987 and continuing for 30 years, Jeri Griego has faithfully served LCCC as a faculty member in the Department of Business in the School of Business, Agriculture and Technical Studies; and

WHEREAS, she has made significant contributions to student understanding of business and accounting principles through her excellence in teaching; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she has taught a wide variety of courses ranging across the full business curriculum, with a strong commitment to student learning and success; and

WHEREAS, she has dedicated enormous efforts to making service a part of the curriculum and the culture at LCCC; and

WHEREAS, she has lived her commitment to service by serving on numerous community boards; and

WHEREAS, she has provided many years of distinguished contributions to LCCC through dedicated service on too many committees, task forces and steering committees to count;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes Jeri Griego for her distinguished service to LCCC with the title Faculty Emeritus of Business.