

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 17, 2015  
**TO:** Deans  
**FROM:** Gary Perry, Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
**SUBJECT:** Policy on Evaluation of Eminent Scholars (Replaces Provost's Memorandum 2007-02)

**PURPOSE:**

In 1979, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Eminent Scholars Act to provide State funds to match private donations for the establishment of eminent scholar chairs within the State University System and to enhance scholarly work in the State University System. The purpose of the Act was to attract eminent scholars to the State University System and to enhance scholarly work in the State University System. The Act established the Eminent Scholars Program and provided for the establishment of Eminent Scholar Chairs at Florida Atlantic University.

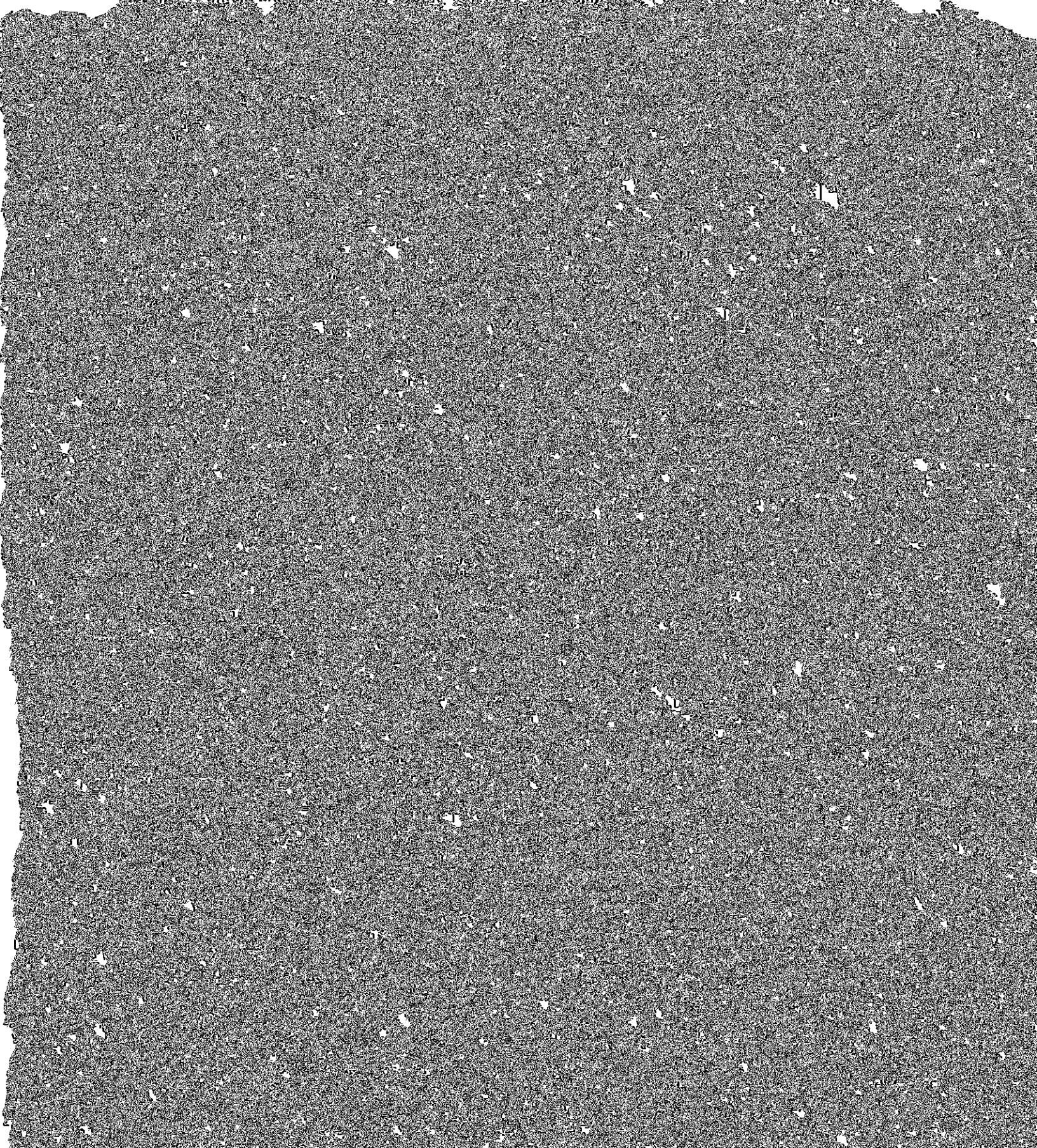
In 1987, Florida Atlantic University adopted a procedure for the evaluation of Eminent Scholars in response to a board of regents request. The review process was initially a part of the devolution of the BOK and under the direction of the Review Panel. The Review Panel was established to review the performance of Eminent Scholars.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

Annual Review  
Eminent Scholars are generally tenured faculty holding a position of distinction. The designee, in consultation with the chair of the department or director of the school where appropriate, shall submit an annual performance evaluation. The annual performance evaluation shall be based on assigned duties and shall consider, where applicable, teaching effectiveness, contribution to the discovery of new knowledge, and other forms of creative activity, program development, professional service, and international and international activities.

Period Evaluation

Periodic evaluations of Eminent Scholars are independent from annual evaluations, post-tenure reviews/sustained performance evaluations, and any other evaluations. A periodic in-depth evaluation of



F. The Dean of the College will provide the University Provost an evaluative report, including a recommendation on reappointment.

Cc: Diane Alperin, Vice Provost  
Academic Affairs

Eminent Scholars