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On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, faculty members gathered at the J. Scheidegger Center's Lindenwood Theater for an all-faculty meeting organized by the Faculty Council and the Human Resources Department. In addition to addressing faculty meeting agenda items, the event provided an opportunity to recognize years-of-service milestones of 5, 10, and 20 years, as well as paying homage to the five esteemed faculty members retiring at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. This is the first time that years-of-service and retirement recognitions have taken place during the annual all-faculty meeting.

On this occasion, gold-plated pins with the corresponding years of service milestone were individually presented to each honoree in attendance by Vice President for Human Resources Dr. Deb Ayres and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Marilyn Abbott. Years-of-service milestones recognized were those completed in the period between July 1, 2015, and July 2, 2016.

In total, 22 employees were recognized for 5, 10, and 20 years of service for the university.

- 5 years: Chad Welsh, C. Greg Anderson, Darla Jia, David Rosenwasser, Emily Jones, Heather Brown-Hudson, Heather Pennington, Howard Hall, James Hutson, Justine Pas, Karolina Schneider, Michael Mathea, Robert Beane, Michelle Daly, and Yvonnda Ford.
- 10 years: Alexander Balogh, Cynthia Bice, and Rachel Douchant.

- 20 years: Charlene Engleking, Rebecca Panagos, Ana Schnellmann, and Christopher Scribner.

To honor each of the five faculty members retiring at the end of the academic year, individual presenters were invited on-stage to say a few words in celebration and recognition of their friends' and colleagues' career achievements, dedication to students, and contributions to the university.

- Professor John Henschke, whose retirement from the School of Education took place last December, was introduced by Associate Professor Julie Turner from the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship. Henschke continues his service with the university as an adjunct instructor in the School of Education.
- Associate Professor James Horstmeier, retiring from the School of Education, was introduced by Professor Charlene Engleking from the School of Accelerated Degree Programs.
- Professor Rita Kottmeyer, who has been named professor emeritus and is retiring from the School of Accelerated Degree Programs, was also introduced by Engleking.
- Associate Professor Deb Kiel, who served as chair of the Public Health program in the School of Health Sciences, was recognized by Professor Peggy Ellis, also from the School of Health Sciences. Kiel continues her service with the university as an adjunct instructor in the School of Health Sciences.
- Associate Professor Elizabeth Ammann, retiring from the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, was recognized by Professor Mira Ezvan, also from the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship.

Following the recognitions, all faculty attendees, the honorees, and their families gathered for a reception in the grand lobby featuring appetizers, refreshments, and live piano music performed by student Vicente Guiffrida.