Rosemary White Endowed Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Rosemary A. White joined Nazareth University as a Professor of English and American Literature in 1931. She taught introductory English and Literature courses as well as advanced courses such as “Shakespeare” and “Greek Drama.” In 1927, Ms. White established the first Nazareth University scholarship, in memory of her father, George White. She was a valued Member of the Nazareth community, serving 35 years prior to her retirement in 1967.

In 1992, a bequest from the estate of Ms. White in the amount of $1.2 million was made to Nazareth, to establish the Rosemary White Endowed Chair of English and American Literature. In 2026, its eligibility criteria were expanded to be the **Rosemary White Endowed Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences.**

Criteria for nomination to the **Rosemary White Endowed Chair of Humanities and Social Sciences include:**

- Excellence in teaching
- Ongoing scholarship
- Contribution to their profession
- Ongoing contributions to the Nazareth University and greater Rochester communities

The nominee will meet the above criteria by providing evidence of several of the following activities:

- Ongoing curricular revisions to meet the needs of the students
- Availability to students during the semester
- Above average course evaluations
- Presentations at conferences and workshops
- Publication of books/articles in scholarly journals
- Leadership and/or service roles in professional organizations and on campus committees and task forces (e.g. offices, advisory board membership, program chair, faculty workshop organizer)

The recipient of the Rosemary White Endowed Chair may receive up to $5,000 per year for travel/research support. Expenses should be submitted to the Provost’s office. The Provost submits the bills to the Finance Office for payment from restricted funds from the Rosemary White account.

Selection Process

1. Sometime during the academic year prior to the appointment of a faculty member to the Rosemary White Chair, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, Business, and Education (CLASBE) will ask for letters from faculty of any rank nominating associate or full professors (tenure track, clinical, and professional practice are all eligible). Faculty may self-nominate

Letters should be 1-2 pages in length and address the criteria above.

2. The Dean of CLASBE will appoint a review committee composed of two associate/full professors (clinical, professional practice, or tenured/tenure-track) and one pre-tenure/ pre-promotion member who will conduct the review process. (No faculty member nominated will be eligible to be part of the review committee).

3. The faculty members who are nominated will submit a letter within a three-week period indicating willingness to assume the responsibility associated with the Chair and include herein a preview statement of the sorts of professional activities that this appointment will make possible over the two year duration of the appointment. A full curriculum vita will accompany this letter.
4. The materials submitted by the candidate will be evaluated by the review committee. After assessing these materials, the review committee will rank order the applications and submit their rankings to the Dean of CLASBE, briefly explaining its recommendation.
5. The Dean of CLASBE will make a recommendation to the Provost, sharing the rankings and application materials with the Provost. **The Provost will appoint the Rosemary White Chair for a two year period at a teaching load reduction of two courses (6 TCHs) per semester.**
6. The process should be completed in the year prior to the appointment, so that the department teaching loads and program scheduling for the upcoming semester can be completed.