

## **Rosemary White Endowed Chair of English and American Literature**

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.

Criteria for nomination to the Rosemary White Endowed Chair of English and American Literature include:

- Excellence in teaching
- Ongoing scholarship
- Contribution to the 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, Program Chair, faculty workshop organizer)

Recipient of the Rosemary White Endowed chair will receive \$5,000 per year for travel/research support. Expenses should be submitted to the Provost. The Provost submits the bills to Cindy Podvin for payment from restricted funds from Rosemary White account.

### ***Selection Process:***

1. Sometime during the second semester prior to the appointment of a faculty member to the Rosemary White Chair, the Department Chair will ask the senior faculty to submit a nomination to her/him. A brief rationale for nomination this faculty member will be drafted and become part of the documents for the process of recommendation by members of the review committee.

2. The Department Chair will appoint a Review Committee composed of two senior department members and one junior 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 submit a recommendation to full-time English Department faculty briefly explaining its recommendation.
5. The full-time faculty will vote for or against the candidate. A majority vote means that the candidate's name will be recommended to the University's Provost and the President for appointment as The Rosemary White Chair of English and American Literature for a two year period at a teaching load reduction of two courses per semester. Copies of all written materials will accompany this written recommendation.
6. In the event of a negative vote by the full-time faculty (a tie vote or majority negative count equates a rejection) of the Review Team's recommendation, the Review Team may then either repeat the process or drop the matter for that academic year.
7. The entire process must be completed early in the semester before appointment, so that the department teaching loads and program scheduling for the following semester can be completed without problems.