Last spring I sent a survey to departments at FSU asking about relations with emeriti, whether the departments 1) display a public honor board of emeritus professors, 2) maintain contact with emeriti, separate from general university mechanisms (such as the retirement dinner or, indeed, the E*MERIT*I newsletter), 3) involve emeriti in departmental service, 4) hire emeriti to teach part-time in retirement.

The responses are collated below. (N.B. The following departments have no living emeriti—Recreation and Parks Management, Economics, Music, Social Work. If a department isn’t listed, its chair didn’t respond.)

If your former department falls short of your expectations, please write to the current chair to ask for change. Public plaques listing names of emeriti are a good place to begin.

1. My department displays a register of emeriti professors, honoring them (following the model, for instance, of Geography, Math, and English)

Yes: Biology, English, Mathematics, Geography, Theatre and Dance

No: Communication Studies, Chemistry, Visual Arts, History, Psychology, Accounting, Marketing & Finance, Philosophy, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Political Science, Theatre and Dance,

2. My department regularly maintains contact with its emeritus professors, for instance proffering invitations to departmental events.

Yes: Biology, English, Communication Studies, Chemistry, Visual Arts, Psychology, Accounting, Marketing & Finance, Philosophy, Mathematics, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Geography, Political Science, Theatre and Dance, Theatre and Dance

No: History,

3. My department sometimes calls upon its emeriti to cover classes for colleagues, proctor exams, participate in departmental events, advise majors or potential majors, or to perform other tasks.

Yes: Biology, English, Philosophy, Mathematics, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Theatre and Dance, Theatre and Dance

No: Communication Studies, Chemistry, Visual Arts, History, Psychology, Accounting, Marketing & Finance, Geography, Political Science, Theatre and Dance

4. At least one of our emeritus professors teaches part-time in my department.

Yes: English, Psychology, Mathematics, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Political Science,

No: Biology, Communication Studies, Chemistry, Visual Arts, History, Accounting, Marketing & Finance, Philosophy, Geography, Theatre and Dance, Theatre and Dance