MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans
    Debra Fowler, Director, Center for Teaching Excellence
    Mikey Jallet, Student Body President
    Purna Chandra Doddapaneni, President, Graduate and Professional Student Council

SUBJECT: Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Awards

January 8, 2020

In 2003, Texas A&M established a university-level award for teaching excellence. Each year, two faculty members may receive this award, the “Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence.” Presidential Professors receive a one-time after-tax stipend of $25,000 in addition to salary, and awardees bear the designation “Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence” for the remainder of their careers. The awards are announced and presented during the spring semester.

I ask that the dean and faculty of each college, using the criteria and selection process in the attached document, nominate one member of their respective college faculty for these awards, making provision for taking student views into account. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has recommended that each college nominate only one faculty member, given the burden of reviewing voluminous material for each nominee. The Center for Teaching Excellence, Student Government, and the Graduate and Professional Student Council each may nominate one member of the university faculty in addition to those nominated by the colleges. I ask the Speaker of the Faculty Senate to appoint a committee to select four members of the faculty from among the nominees who will be forwarded to me for my selection of the two awardees.

All members of the faculty – whether tenured, tenure track, or academic professional track, and who teach either undergraduate and graduate students, or both – are eligible for these awards. The most important criteria are commitment to, and excellence in, teaching in all its dimensions.

I ask that each Dean, the Center for Teaching Excellence, Student Government, and the Graduate and Professional Student Council forward nominees to the Office of the Dean of Faculties, YMCA 108, 1126 TAMU, by noon on February 27, 2020, so that selections can be made in time for the Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference in April 2020. Details about the nomination process and the selection criteria are attached. These documents can also be found on the Dean of Faculties’ website (www.dof.tamu.edu).

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