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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans
Debra Fowler, Executive Director, Center for Teaching Excellence
Andrew Applewhite, Student Body President
Hannah Payne, President - Graduate and Professional Student Government

FROM: Mark A. Welsh III, President

SUBJECT: Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Awards

Each year, two faculty members receive our most prestigious university-level award for teaching, the Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence. Recipients hold the title for the remainder of their careers and are honored during a university-wide recognition event and at the Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference. I ask that you work with your faculty to nominate one faculty member from your college/school for this award, using the criteria and selection process detailed in the attached guidelines document, making sure to take student views into account. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee recommended that each college/school nominate only one faculty member, given the length of the nomination packets. The Center for Teaching Excellence, Student Government, and the Graduate and Professional Student Government each may nominate one member of the university faculty in addition to those nominated by the colleges/schools. The selection committee is chaired by the Speaker of the Faculty Senate and made up of the Executive Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence and faculty representatives from 5 randomly selected colleges. The committee selects four finalists from which I identify the two awardees.

All full-time faculty with at least 5 years of teaching at Texas A&M from any track or title, and who teach either undergraduate or graduate students, or both, are eligible for this award. 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 Government forward nominations to Faculty Affairs via awardsprograms@tamu.edu by February 28, 2024, so that selections can be made in time for the April 2024 university-wide recognition event and the May 1, 2024 Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference. The attached award guidelines provide details necessary for the preparation of the nominations. This document can also be found on the [Faculty Affairs Website](#).