

## Obj Professor for Excellence in Undergraduate Education

### I. Policy

The designation of University Professor has been established to recognize faculty members at the university who are outstanding teachers at the undergraduate level. Only tenured faculty members will be considered for this honor. Designated faculty members will hold the title permanently, be so identified in University publications, and will receive an annual monetary award of discretionary funds to support their professional development for the four years following their designation. The names of all University Professors will be engraved on a plaque displayed at the University. Faculty members holding the University Professor designation are not eligible for renomination for the purpose of continuation of renumeration.

### II. Criteria

1. Each nominee shall teach at least three undergraduate courses per year for at least the past three years.
2. Faculty nominated for consideration as University Professor shall have a record of superior accomplishment in teaching. The nominee shall document this record with evidence such as results of student opinion surveys, peer evaluations, statements from former students, and other relevant information.
  - a. The nomination packet shall include:
    1. Personal statement by the person nominated describing general teaching philosophy [maximum 500 words].

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2. Documentation of teaching innovations grounded in the scholarship of teaching and learning.
3. A current (i.e., within the last five years) Teaching Portfolio Review.
4. Curriculum vitae with priority given to activities and awards that focus on teaching [maximum two pages].
5. Professor's teaching log (in table format), listing courses taught in the last five years, including course numbers and titles, number of students per section.
6. Quantitative and qualitative feedback from the last five years of student opinion surveys.
7. Grade distributions from the last three years.
8. In addition to the nomination letter, no more than four letters of support, with at least two written by former students who have graduated from the University. The other two may come from persons in the community of his or her profession, including former students [maximum 12 pages]. All letters should be solicited by and sent to the nominator or the nominee's department chair, not the nominee.

- Approved by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
December 12, 2003  
Revised May 17, 2004  
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