Hello Department Heads and Assistants,

We are excited to inform you that we have received the call for the Presidential Professor of Teaching Excellence award. Please see the attached University call, guidelines, and nomination template.

All nominations will be reviewed by the College of Liberal Arts Faculty Awards Committee, therefore, please submit your completed packets according to the instructions provided in the attached guidelines to Kathy Payne (kpayne@tamu.edu) no later than Friday, January 28. Please note that the deadlines in the PPTE guidelines DO NOT reflect the internal deadlines set by the College of Liberal Arts. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

Please be aware that nominees who are not eligible will not be considered for this award. Eligibility has been established by the University as follows:

“Candidates for PPTE must have at least five years of full-time service to Texas A&M University and should have a demonstrated record of teaching excellence, including college-level teaching awards.”

The University has provided a rubric which can be found in the Guidelines. Please reference the rubric to make the most competitive nomination packet. We will use this rubric to evaluate nominees at the College level as well.

Thank you!

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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 the Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference in late spring. I ask that you work with your faculty to nominate one faculty member from your college 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 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. The selection committee is chaired by the Speaker of the Faculty Senate and made up of the 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 the Office of the Dean of Faculties via awardsprograms@tamu.edu by noon on February 17, 2022, so that selections can be made in time for the Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference on May 4, 2022. The attached award guidelines provide details necessary for preparation of the nominations. This document can also be found on the Office of the Dean of Faculties website (www.dof.tamu.edu).

M. Katherine Banks
President