Senate Excellence in Teaching Award
San Diego State University

Procedure and Criteria for Nomination

1.0 San Diego State University Senate Excellence in Teaching Award

1.1 This award, originally from the Board of Trustees of The California State University and Colleges, shall recognize excellence in teaching. Faculty members shall be selected for the contributions made to their students, to their academic disciplines, and to their campus communities. The awardee will be recognized by the title “Senate Distinguished Professor”.

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1.21 Nominations shall be called for by the Faculty Honors and Awards Committee no later than the beginning of the first week of October.

1.22 Nominations may be received from students, faculty members, administrators, alumni, and other members of the community.

1.23 Each fall each Dean shall nominate one distinguished tenured, probationary, or FERP faculty member from their respective College unit. From this slate of candidates one nominee shall be selected by the University Honors and Awards Committee and honored by the university.

1.3 Criteria for Award

1.31 Portfolio: Each nomination should present a teaching portfolio that supports the excellence of the candidate. Such a portfolio should include items such as: recommendation letter(s), summaries of student evaluations, and evidence of awards, content expertise, instructional design and/or delivery, mentoring, student accomplishments, and commitment to improving pedagogical practice.

1.32 Criteria: A nominee shall have a record of superlative teaching, affecting students in significant ways consistent with the highest objectives of the University.

1.321 Neither professional achievement through research or creative scholarship nor service to the campus and community shall substitute for this basic requirement.

1.322 The nominee’s professional accomplishments, services to the campus and the larger community shall be evaluated for their quality and their contributions to the nominee’s teaching.

1.323 A significant part of each nominee’s accomplishment shall have been established while a faculty member of The California State University.

1.4 Procedure for Award: All nominees shall be honored at an awards ceremony during the Spring Semester. The recipient of the Senate Award shall present a public lecture as part of the awards ceremony.