Award for Excellence in Teaching

Purpose

The purpose of the Excellence in Teaching Award is to give greater recognition for teaching excellence. Up to three awards may be made each year, each consisting of a $2,500 prize.

Policy

1. All continuing full and part-time faculty members (tenured and tenure-track professors, lecturers, and lab instructors) who have taught a minimum of 5 years in a continuing position at SFU are eligible for nomination for this Award.

2. The University Committee for Excellence in Teaching Award consists of
   - one faculty member from each Faculty nominated by the Faculty Deans;
   - one undergraduate student selected by the Simon Fraser Student Society;
   - one graduate student selected by the Graduate Student Society; and
   - two representatives from the Alumni Association.
   The Committee will select its own Chair.

3. Nominations for this Award, which may be made by present or former students or faculty members, shall be forwarded to the University Committee for the Excellence in Teaching Award by October 15.

4. The Committee shall be expected to seek appropriate information from various sources before making its recommendation to the President. Award recipients are not eligible for nomination in future years.

Interpretation

Questions of interpretation or application of this policy or its procedures shall be referred to the President, whose decision shall be final.

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Appendix A

Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the Excellence in Teaching Award Committee in the selection process:

* Ability to stimulate students to think creatively and critically
* Demonstrated caring for student learning
* Ability to present complex information clearly
* Demonstrated enthusiasm for and innovation in teaching
* Sustained record of excellent teaching
* Diversity of course level

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