

Connecticut State University System



RESOLUTION

concerning

THE ESTABLISHEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES TEACHING AWARDS

February 9, 2007

- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System is committed to promoting an environment that supports and recognizes exemplary faculty teaching as an essential part of fulfilling the universities' missions, and
- WHEREAS, The Board wishes to stimulate and recognize the values, standards of excellence and consistent quality of practice in teaching that are worthy of attention by the university community and beyond, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Trustees Teaching Awards be established to recognize junior faculty who are engaged in teaching practice and collegial interactions resulting in the educational improvement of university programs, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the CSUS Board of Trustees will grant five awards annually: one award of \$1,000 to a faculty member from each of the universities and a single award of \$1,000 to the individual who best exemplifies high quality teaching throughout the Connecticut State University System, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System work with university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to the awards through local and statewide print and electronic media, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to develop guidelines to implement this policy.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrenge D. McHugh, Chairman

Connecticut State University System

2006-07 Trustees Teaching Awards

General Information

The awards are given to recognize faculty who have distinguished themselves as outstanding teachers for at least five years and have a minimum of two years track record of promoting instructional improvements for their programs/departments.

Eligibility

Assistant and Associate Professors in tenure-track or tenure positions.

Recipients of the award will not be eligible for reconsideration for the award for three years.

Recipients of the award must be in good standing for continuation of contract with the university.

Nominations

Nominees are expected to submit evidence to demonstrate excellence and effectiveness in teaching (including the use of assessment of student learning outcomes to improve instruction) and in promoting collegial interactions at the program, department and/or school levels leading to demonstrable educational improvements for students during the last five years. Strong evidence of effectiveness is required.

Department and programs are encouraged to nominate women, faculty of color and members of other groups historically underrepresented in their discipline.

Number of Awards

There will be a total of five awards granted by the CSUS Board of Trustees: one award of \$1,000 to a faculty member from each of the universities and a single award of \$1,000 to the individual who best exemplifies high quality research throughout the Connecticut State University System.

Source of Nominations

Nominations may originate from: Deans, Directors and Department/Program Heads, administrators, award committees, individual faculty members, individual students and self nominations. All nominations should be coordinated through the appropriate academic unit (e.g., Dean's departmental or program office)

Selection Process

For the University Award

Each university will determine a process for reviewing and recommending one appropriate candidate for consideration for the University Award. For this purpose, the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs will form an appropriate review committee.

Once a candidate has been identified, the nomination will be submitted to the Trustees for final selection.

A university may determine that there are no nominations sufficiently compelling to recommend for the award on a given year.

For the CSUS Award

The CSUS Award will be selected from the four University Award nominees submitted. These nominations will be reviewed by a committee composed of CSU Professors. After reviewing the nominations, the committee will forward its recommendation to the Trustees for their final selection

Publicity

Per Trustees' directive, the Chancellor will work with the University Presidents to ensure that maximum visibility is given to the awards through local and statewide print and electronic media.

2006-07 Awards Timeline:

February 2, 2007:

Call for Nominations

March 19:

Nominations due at each campus

March 20 - April 8:

Review of nominations by campuses

April 9:

Campuses forward recommendations and support materials to

System Office

April 10 - 16:

CSU University Professors Committee reviews

recommendations and submits System Award recommendation

to the Trustees

April 25:

Academic Affairs Committee of the CSUS Board of Trustees

reviews recommendations and makes final selections.

May 10:

Board of Trustees approves final selections and awardees are

presented with official awards at the BOT meeting.

April 25, 2008:

Awardees are recognized at the CSUS Assessment Conference