2435 – Barton Distinguished Instructor Awards

Purpose:
Reward academic excellence in the various venues at Barton Community College, with Distinguished Instructor Award be awarded at the end of the spring semester in each school year.

Guidelines:
1. Faculty who have taught a minimum of two years with multiple teaching assignments are eligible for nomination with the exception of:
   a. Faculty who have received the Distinguished Instructor Award within the past three years.
   b. Faculty who are currently considered not in good standing with appropriate documentation.
2. Nominations will be vetted through the Vice President of Instruction Office and the Instructional Deans for eligibility.
3. Nominations may be submitted per the instructions of the committee and must be received by any Faculty Council Representative, no later than March 1 of any school year. Any Barton employee (administration, faculty, or staff) or student may submit nominations. All materials and information received will be held in confidence.
4. Elect up to two full time instructors from any modality and up to three instructors from less than full time (adjunct, part-time).
5. Awards are annually determined in late spring.
6. Distinguished instructors will be determined by a committee which will consist of the following:
   a. One representative of the administration (preferably with supervisory expertise)
   b. One representative of Faculty Council,
   c. One at-large faculty member, and
   d. One representative from the student body.
7. Award winners will be selected based upon demonstrable excellence in three categories of excellence

Distinguished Instructor Award Criteria Within the Three Categories of Excellence:

Teaching & Learning
• Engagement of students in the classroom
• Active participation in the assessment of student learning
• New course development and present course improvement
• Pursuit of advanced coursework, professional development, or professional organization involvement

College Mission & Service
• Efforts to promote Barton and support growth through recruitment or retention activities
• Successful Barton team work or task force involvement
• Student organization involvement and/or leadership
• Professional organization leadership

**Community Service**
• Involvement in those activities which directly or indirectly enhance the college in our immediate or surrounding community (e.g. scout leaders, church leadership, community board membership, Speaker's Bureau, etc.)

5. Recipients of these awards will be notified by the Vice President of Instruction prior to the commencement exercises which occur during the award year.

**Contact(s):** Vice President of Instruction

**Related Form(s):**

**References:**

**Relevant Policy or Procedure(s): [1420-Employee Recognition](#)**

**Approved by:** President

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