

Policy on University Teaching Awards

I. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to reaffirm teaching as the primary responsibility of each of the 17 constituent institutions of the University and to encourage, identify, recognize, reward, and support excellent teaching within the University.

II. Annual Awards for Teaching Excellence

A. Annual Allocation. The President will allocate a sum of money each year for the Awards for Teaching Excellence with approximately one half of the sum to be used each year for a Systemwide Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching program and the remaining sum to be used for allocations to campuses for Institutional Teaching Awards.

Board of Governors Oversight and Evaluation. Each year the chair of the Board of Governors will appoint a special committee, or designate a standing committee, to provide coordination and oversight for the Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

B. The programs of awards will be evaluated and revised periodically.

III. Board of Governors Awards

A. Number of Awards. There shall be a total of 17 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching annually. One recipient shall be nominated from each of the 17 constituent institutions by the chancellor of that institution.

B. Nature of Awards and Recognition. Each recipient of a Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching will receive a citation and a one-time award equal to 1/17 of the total sum allocated for the program. Presentation of the awards will be made at an appropriate event to be attended by recipients and their guests, members of the Board of Governors, the president and senior vice presidents of the University, the chancellors or their designees, and other guests.

C. Eligibility for Selection. Any full-time faculty member who has taught at the institution for at least five years is eligible. The recipient must have demonstrated excellent or exceptional teaching ability over a sustained period. Nominees must be teaching in the academic year in which they are selected.

No faculty member will be eligible to receive this award more than once while teaching at any UNC institution.

IV. Institutional Teaching Awards

A. Institutions to develop procedures. Each institution shall develop procedures for establishing Institutional Teaching Awards and selecting recipients.

B. Allocation of sum designated for Institutional Teaching Awards. The sum allocated to the Institutional Teaching Awards shall be divided into equal shares, with the following eight institutions allocated 1.5 shares each: Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, University of North Carolina Asheville, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem State University, and North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, and the other nine constituent institutions being allocated one share each.

V. Regulations for Implementing the Awards for Teaching Excellence. The President will issue regulations for the nomination and selection of Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching and the allocation of funds for Institutional Teaching Awards and such other faculty awards as the Board may from time-to-time award.

VI. Other Matters

A. Effective Date. The requirements of this policy shall be effective on the date of adoption of this policy by the Board of Governors.

B. Relation to State Laws. The foregoing policies as adopted by the Board of Governors are meant to supplement, and do not purport to supplant or modify, those statutory enactments which may govern the activities of public officials.

C. Regulations and Guidelines. These policies shall be implemented and applied in accordance with such regulations and guidelines as may be adopted from time to time by the president.