**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities** **Board of Trustees’**

**Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Southwest Minnesota State University

October 9, 2019

**Purpose:**

The Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Teaching Award is intended to recognize the core importance of the teaching mission at our colleges and universities, and the foundation of that mission is skillful methods of teach, attention to student learning, and faculty subject matter expertise. The primary criterion is skill in teaching that is inclusive, innovative, learning-centered, and collaborative. The award reflects the commitment to providing high-quality instruction that prepares our university students for their professional, scholarly, and civic lives.

**Award:**

Nominees and the awardee will be honored at the board’s “Celebrating Excellence” event on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. The final Teaching Faculty Member of the Year awardee (select by the Board of Trustees) will receive $5,000.

**SMSU Process:**

October 9, 2019 Call for nominations shared with the campus community. See attached nomination form.

November 1, 2019 Nominations due to Human Resources.

November 2019 Selection committee consisting of:

* Administrator
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* IFO Member
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November 2019 Selection committee submits nominee recommendation to President Jayasuriya.

November 2019 President Jayasuriya selects nominee. President/Committee notifies selected nominee and other nominees.

By January 2, 2020 Nominee creates portfolio. Nomination committee creates and provides President’s Recommendation Packet.

By January 6, 2020 President Jayasuriya submits the President’s Recommendation Packet and nominee portfolio to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees.

April 22, 2020 Awards for accomplishments through academic year 2019-2020 will be bestowed by the Board of Trustees.