2435 – Distinguished Instructor Award

In an effort to recognize academic excellence, the Distinguished Instructor Award has been established. Two awards will be given: one to a full-time faculty member and one to an associate faculty member.

Nominees must be in good standing with respect to their job performance. Full-time faculty must have taught a minimum of three years at Barton. Associate faculty must have served as a faculty member for three years with a cumulative teaching load of 18.0 credit hours. Nominees may not have received the Distinguished Instructor Award within the past five years.

Any Barton employee (administration, faculty, or staff) can nominate a full-time or associate faculty member for the Distinguished Instructor Award. Nominations should address the following criteria and should be submitted in letter format to the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services by April 8th. Nominations may be mailed or emailed.

Distinguished Instructor Award Criteria...

Teaching & Learning

- Participation in the assessment of student learning
- Participation in professional development
- Professional organization activities
- Advanced course work
- New course development and present course improvements

College Mission

- Improvements to curriculum or instruction, which reflects the College's commitment to the principles of a "Learning College."
- Efforts to promote the College through recruitment or retention activities
- Successful team work or task force involvement
- Recruitment and retention efforts to support growth
- Student professional organization involvement and activities

Community Service

- Activities which enhance and expand a person's life that provides directly and indirectly some positive enhancement to the college. (e.g. Scout leaders, Church leadership, community board membership, community service, Speaker's Bureau.)

The selection of the Distinguished Instructor will be made based upon the criteria as outlined above[1]. Nominees will be contacted for an informal interview with the selection

[1] During the nomination and selection process, all nominations and supporting materials will be held in confidence. Recipients of the award will be notified prior to graduation. The Distinguished Instructors will be announced and recognized with their award at graduation, and will be asked to speak at the following year's Honors Reception.

committee. Membership of the selection committee will be as follows:

- Vice President of Instruction and Student Services (facilitator)
- 1 member of the College service area
- 1 graduating full-time student
- 1 part-time student
- 1 Board of Trustees member
- 1 Foundation Board member
- 1 (former) Distinguished Instructor recipient

(Based on policy 1420; revised and approved by President on 10/16/07)