1.0 POLICY

Grant MacEwan University annually grants distinguished teaching awards to faculty who have a demonstrated record of outstanding teaching and who further the educational goals of the institution.

2.0 RATIONALE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

2.1 The University promotes teaching excellence by recognizing faculty who excel in teaching and learning.

2.2 Recognition of teaching excellence occurs through a peer-review process.

3.0 SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

3.1 All instructional faculty are eligible for a Distinguished Teaching Award.

3.2 A Distinguished Teaching Award recipient must: (a) have taught three consecutive years at MacEwan and (b) have not received the award within the last five years.

3.3 The University may award up to four Distinguished Teaching Awards each academic year.

4.0 REGULATIONS

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

4.1.1 The Provost and Vice President Academic is responsible for this policy.

4.1.2 The Director of the Centre for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence (CAFÉ) will create a Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee to review nominations and select recipients.

4.1.3 Award criteria and nomination processes will be developed by the Director of CAFÉ in consultation with the Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee.
4.2 Nominations

4.2.1 A nomination for the Distinguished Teaching Award must be supported by at least three members of the MacEwan University community (faculty, alumni, staff and two current students) with knowledge of the faculty member’s teaching ability.

4.2.2 To be considered for the Distinguished Teaching Award the nominee must consent to his or her nomination.

4.2.3 The nominee will be required to provide supporting documentation as determined by the Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee.

4.2.4 Nomination letters will be made available to the nominee unless the nominator wishes to remain anonymous.

4.2.5 Members of the Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee are not eligible to submit nominations or to be nominated during years in which they serve on the committee.

4.3 The Provost and Vice President Academic will notify successful recipients.

4.4 Award recipients will be publicly recognized.

4.5 Award recipients will be invited to give a guest presentation in a public forum at the University.

4.6 Further procedural documents relating to the nomination and selection will be published by CAFÉ.
FACT SHEET

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2014.12.22  Updated to reflect current policy names and numbers, references to retired
            policies, and Related Policy listings.

RELATED POLICIES:
D1330 Employee Recognition

RELATED PROCEDURES:
D1330-1 Employee Recognition Procedure
D1330-2 MacEwan University Awards of Excellence Procedure

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