December 1, 2014

TO: College of Engineering Faculty

FROM: Ian M. Robertson, Dean

RE: The Benjamin Smith Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching Engineers

I am requesting nominations for The Benjamin Smith Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching Engineers, an annual award that carries with it a bronze medallion and a cash stipend. The Benjamin Smith Reynolds Memorial Fund was established to perpetuate the memory of Benjamin Smith Reynolds by creating an incentive to excel in teaching, and to emphasize the importance of excellent teaching. Under the terms of the trust, a committee of five is to select annually "the University of Wisconsin faculty member(s) who contribute(s) most to the instruction of Engineering students," and the faculty member so selected is to receive a bronze medal bearing the likeness of Benjamin Smith Reynolds, together with a cash stipend.

Full-time faculty in the College of Engineering are eligible, as well as faculty in the departments of Biological Systems Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics.

The award will be presented at the annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any full-time faculty member in the College of Engineering or in the Departments of Biological Systems Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, or Statistics who contributes to the instruction of engineering students.
2. A nominee selected by his/her department should have a full-time appointment for the next year.
3. Previous recipients of this award are ineligible.

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations should be transmitted to the chair of a department in the College of Engineering, to the chair of the other departments mentioned above, or to any member of the Selection Committee.
1. College of Engineering student organizations are encouraged to suggest possible nominees to the faculty member's department chair.
2. Nominations are to be made by the chair of the faculty member's department.
3. Nominations are due electronically to Peggy Conklin, pconklin@engr.wisc.edu, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015.

INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY NOMINATIONS

1. Data on nominee: Resume that includes academic degrees (when and where received), years of service at the university, courses taught here, and if possible, a list of publications.
2. A concise statement of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in teaching and why the nominee should be considered for this award. Qualities to be considered: integrity; personality; knowledge of subject; ability to inspire and develop student curiosity, initiative and interest in the subject; keeps abreast of developments in their fields.
3. The committee invites letters supporting a nominee, two letters from students and two letters from colleagues. Colleagues submitting letters should be selected by the executive committee of the department.
4. The committee requests that nominations include student course evaluation summaries.

As in the past, selection committee membership will consist of four faculty, one of whom will be from the College of Letters and Science.

Recent recipients of the Benjamin Smith Reynolds Award include:

2014  Susan Hagness  Electrical and Computer Engineering
2013  Brian Pfleger  Chemical and Biological Engineering
2012  Dante Fratta  Civil and Environmental Engineering
2011  Daniel Klingenberg  Chemical and Biological Engineering
2010  Thatcher Root  Chemical and Biological Engineering
2009  Katherine McMahan  Civil and Environmental Engineering
2008  Giri Venkataramanan  Electrical and Computer Engineering
2007  Frank Fronczak  Mechanical Engineering
2006  Jay Martin  Mechanical Engineering
2005  Martin Zanni  Chemistry
2004  Eric E. Hellstrom  Materials Science & Engineering
2003  John W. Moore  Chemistry
2003  Michael J. Smith  Industrial Engineering
2002  John C. Wright  Chemistry
2001  Patrick V. Farrell  Mechanical Engineering
2000  John H. Booske  Electrical and Computer Engineering
2000  Arthur B. Ellis  Chemistry
2000  John G. Webster  Biomedical Engineering
1999  Sindo Kou  Materials Science and Engineering