

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 9, 2005

**TO:** Teachers of Engineers

**FROM:** (original signed by)  
Paul S. Peercy, Dean

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

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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 award. The Benjamin Smith Reynolds Memorial Fund was established to perpetuate the memory of Benjamin Smith Reynolds, to create an incentive to excel in teaching, and to emphasize the importance of better 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 reward.

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

The award will be presented at a special celebration scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2006 . The recipient will also be recognized at the annual Engineers’ Day Banquet on October 13, 2006.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Any full-time faculty member in the College of Engineering, or in the Departments of Biological Systems Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Geology & Geophysics, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics, who contributes most 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

Suggestions for nominations should be transmitted to the chairpersons of the departments in the College of Engineering, to the chairpersons 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 chairperson.

2. Nominations are to be made by the chair of the faculty member(s) department. (*Nominations made in previous years can be renewed by a simple letter of request. They may, of course, be amplified and updated.*)
3. Nominations are due in the Dean's Office, c/o Diane Randall, 2620 Engineering Hall by **Friday, February 10, 2006**. Please submit an original and six copies of nomination materials.

#### **INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY NOMINATIONS**

1. Data on nominee: Resume that includes age; academic degrees (when and where received); years of service at the University; courses taught here, and if possible, a list of publications.
2. Evaluation of nominee: A good detailed statement describing the characteristics that make the nominee an unusually good teacher. The committee suggests that the following are among the important considerations: integrity; personality; knowledge of subject; ability to express ideas, to inspire, to develop student initiative, to present the subject in an orderly manner, to arouse student curiosity and interest, to command respect of the students, to cooperate fully with associates and with students; how the nominee keeps abreast of developments in his/her own and related fields.
3. The committee invites letters supporting a nominee, not to exceed five from students and five 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.

The 2006 Benjamin Smith Reynolds Award Selection Committee members are:

Eric Hellstrom, Materials Science & Engineering (Chair)	3-9462
Charles Hill, Chemical and Biological Engineering	3-4593
Mike Smith, Industrial and Systems Engineering	3-6329
Martin Zanni, Chemistry (representing L&S)	2-4783
Jeff Russell, Civil & Environmental Engineering	2-7244
Larry Olson, Research Products Corporation	257-8801

Recent recipients of the Benjamin Smith Reynolds Award include:

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 & Computer Engineering
2000	Arthur B. Ellis	Chemistry
2000	John G. Webster	Biomedical Engineering
1999	Sindo Kou	Materials Science & Engineering
1999	Wei-Yin Loh	Statistics