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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences/College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University
Resident Directors, Texas AgriLife Research
Ed Smith, Director, Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Tom Boggus, Director, Texas Forest Service
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SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for 2009/2010 Regents Professor Award

In an effort to recognize and honor faculty in The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents established a Regents Professor Award to honor individuals at the rank of professor or equivalent who have provided exemplary service as faculty members not only to their university or agency, but also to the community, the State of Texas and/or the nation, and/or at the international level.

Last year, Texas A&M AgriLife nominated Dr. Kerry K. Litzenberg, Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, for this award. He was confirmed and honored as a Regents Professor during a special dinner at the December 2009 Board of Regents meeting.

Texas A&M AgriLife is eligible to submit one nomination for this award, and I would like to encourage your department/unit/agency to consider nominating an individual for this award. [Note: TAMU is also eligible to submit nominations for the Regents Professor Awards, and the Faculty Senate coordinates these nominations.]

As you will note in the following criteria, one of the eligibility requirements for this award is that the nominee must have a “distinguished record of teaching combined with accomplishments in research or other creative or scholarly activity.” In considering a nominee for this award, the following criteria should be considered:

- Be a full-time faculty member with the rank of professor or equivalent for a minimum of five consecutive years at a System University, agency (may include department heads) or health science component;
- A record of distinguished teaching combined with accomplishments of research or other creative or scholarly activity;
- A record of outstanding service both at the local and state, and/or national, and/or international levels;
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- A record of notable indicators of the potential for continuation of distinguished performance in teaching (including contributions in research or other creative or scholarly activity and outstanding service); and

- A record of demonstrated commitment to the university/agency or health science component.

The criteria and guidelines for this award may be obtained on the Texas A&M AgriLife website at http://agrilife.tamu.edu/awards/.

Your and your colleagues are encouraged to nominate individuals whom you regard as qualified for this prestigious award by submitting the attached pre-nomination form (provided in MS Word and PDF), plus a brief resume or curriculum vitae. Please submit your nomination material electronically to Toni Beamon at t-beamon@tamu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16.

A panel of faculty will review these pre-nominations and provide Vice Chancellor Mark Hussey with its recommendations. My office will contact the final nominee to request additional information in submitting a formal nomination and award portfolio to the Chancellor’s Office by the stated deadline. If you should have any questions regarding this award program, please feel free to contact me or Toni Beamon at 979.847.9066.

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Attachments (2)

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