

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

STEPHEN H. WEISS PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS

In recognition of the importance of undergraduate teaching, the Board of Trustees has established the Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowships. Each fellowship is a university-wide award for a tenured faculty member who, in addition to a respected scholarly career, has a sustained record of effective, inspiring, and distinguished teaching of undergraduate students and of contributions to undergraduate education. The title, *Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow*, is a permanent designation, and recipients receive a \$5,000 a year award, for five years, as long as they continue to hold a professorial appointment at Cornell. Faculty are permitted to hold the title simultaneously with any other named professorship.

Criteria

Nominees should have achieved success in:

- *making distinctive contributions to undergraduate teaching* such as challenging and well-organized presentations of the subject, adaptability to the learning needs of students, innovative approaches to course materials, creation of scholarly materials for student use, availability to students outside of class;
- *influencing students beyond the formal role as a teacher* such as advising or mentoring individual students (or former students), advising student organizations or groups, serving on teaching and curriculum committees, interacting informally with students;
- *helping students* such as aiding in case of illness or other emergencies, advising students confronted with personal problems.

Procedure

A member of the faculty, the academic staff, or a student may submit a nomination. Students who wish to submit a nomination are encouraged to contact the faculty member's department chair for assistance in assembling supporting materials. All nomination submissions must include two (but no more than two) letters of support from members of the faculty or academic staff, and six (but no more than six) letters of support from the nominee's current or former undergraduate students.

Re-nominations are encouraged.

FULL NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS ARE INCLUDED - PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WHEN SENDING IN YOUR NOMINATIONS.

Nominations deadline: March 9, 2012

For a complete listing of former & current Weiss Presidential Fellows and additional information see:

http://www.theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/weiss/fellow_list.html

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

COMPLETED PACKAGE CHECKLIST:

- 2 Faculty letters
- 6 Student letters
- Courses taught, level, enrollments for past 5 years (form attached)
- Summarized student evaluations for same time period
- Nominations must include syllabi of the courses taught by the Nominee
- Nominations must include a list of all courses taught by the Nominee AND a list of courses taught by the Nominee in the past 10 years
- Nominations must include numerical summaries of course evaluations (e.g. numerical scores or, if that is not possible, a systematic, straightforward, and as quantitative-as-possible summary of the data*) ***SUCH DATA ARE PREFERRED WHEREVER POSSIBLE BUT NOMINATIONS ARE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE WHEN THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE.**
- Vitae...complete to include awards, research/extension, publications, other scholarly material, committees related to teaching, etc.
- Nominators should include a Table of Contents with the Nominations packet

IMPORTANT:

- **Nominations without course-evaluations, or ones that include only (many) handwritten student-comments, cannot be considered.**
- **Nominations that present only “a selected set” of student course-evaluations will not be considered.**
- **Although the committee recognizes that department teaching-norms differ, and thus will consider exceptions, in general a nominee whose classroom-teaching excellence is in largely or only a single course is less likely to be successful.**
- **WP are typically Full Professors when named**
- **No Weiss Faculty/Student Committee member may nominate a Weiss Fellow or write a letter-of-support for any nominee while serving on the Weiss selections committee.**

SEND COMPLETED PACKAGE AS PDF TO KAREN LUCAS AT KL24@CORNELL.EDU BY FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012.

Name of Nominee _____

Department _____

Course Number & Name Number of students registered Average ratings on selected items	AY 05/06	AY 06/07	AY 07/08	AY 08/09	AY 09/10	Fall 2011
Course:						
Number enrolled						
Ratings: a) overall rating of course						
b) effectiveness of teaching skills						
c) teacher stimulated interest						
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Please use "NA" if information is not available