

TO: Members of the Faculty and Staff

FROM: Jim Hunt

SUBJECT: Nominations for the 2012 William Carrington Finch Award

On behalf of the William Carrington Finch Selection Committee, I am soliciting names of nominees for this award to be given at our Commencement ceremony in May. The William Carrington Finch Award is given to a full-time faculty member "for conspicuous accomplishment in furthering the aims of Southwestern University...Its purpose is to recognize and encourage faculty who best identify themselves with an attempt to fulfill the objectives and aims of the University, as well as to encourage that combination of ability and achievement which makes for an effective faculty member." The Committee, which is responsible for recommending a slate of nominees to the President, is comprised of the Provost, two faculty members (the two most recent recipients of the William Carrington Finch Award), and two students.

If you would like to suggest one (or more) faculty member(s) for consideration, please forward those names, along with a short paragraph stating how you feel the nominee exemplified the Finch criteria to Barbara Jean in the Provost's office by Friday, March 2, 2012.

The criteria for selection stated in the 2011-12 Faculty Handbook are as follows:

"The first criterion is involvement in a teaching field interpreted to include the creative and performing arts. Research for either publication or teaching should be broad enough to guarantee familiarity with the continuing growth within a field.

Another standard is excellence in teaching. Here, competence must be combined with the ability to communicate. Enthusiasm for the subject matter and interest in the student are necessary for responsible teaching.

A third area of proficiency is the contribution made to the governance of the University in leadership shown on committees and councils, and,

Finally, the contribution outside the class to the establishment and support of better community relationships in the area of the common life of students, faculty, and administration. This involves relating to the students in extra class academic enterprises (public lectureships, symposia, etc.), active support of some of the work of other areas of the University (concerts, athletics, etc.), and relating to other members of the community as a person (chapel, union projects, etc.)

Previous recipients of the William Carrington Finch Award are Walt Herbert (1980), Weldon Crowley (1982), Ellsworth Peterson (1984), Leonard Giesecke (1986), Martha Allen (1988), Jan Dawson (1990), Robert Soulen (1992), Gwen Kennedy Neville (1994), Doug Hooker (1996), Ed Kain (1998), Vicente Villa (2000), Patrick Veerkamp (2002), Dan Hilliard (2004), Jesse Purdy (2006), Laura Hobgood-Oster (2008), and Kenny Sheppard (2010).