2022 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Selection Committee Procedures

Review Criteria:
The award description is “The DST award honors tenured members of the faculty who combine outstanding scholarly accomplishment with excellence in teaching and personify our image of the professoriate. The purpose of this program is to recognize successful scholar-teachers and to enable them to share their achievements and expertise with the university at large.”

This means that candidates must show evidence of each of the three items below:

- “Outstanding scholarly accomplishment” (appropriate to field, remembering to take into consideration interdisciplinary and emerging fields).

- “Excellence in teaching” (broadly defined: in or out of classroom, undergrad or grad students, curricular or pedagogical efforts, teaching or mentoring).

- Integration – Relationship/interplay between research and teaching.

Review Process:
There is a rather traditional process but the committee certainly has the freedom to express the desire to proceed in a different manner. A suggested process is:

1. Each committee member will review the materials of all nominees. The nominees and materials are available on a secure website at: https://faculty.umd.edu/apa. After logging in, choose “Review Nominations” from the Awards menu.

2. In addition to reviewing all of the candidates, each committee member will be assigned the task of leading the discussion on particular files. Committee members should thus read these assigned files with particular care and attention.

3. Committee members will review each nominee’s materials (click on the blue button labeled “Nomination Packet”) and rate each candidate for his/her teaching, research, and integration from 1-5: 1 - Not Ready for Award; 2 - Qualified for Award; 3 - Good; 4 - Very Good; or 5 - Superlative (click on the gold button labeled “Enter your ranking”). Please note that these ratings are preliminary and will inevitably change in discussion. Evaluating is difficult because all of the candidates tend to be excellent and many will be out of your field, so committees generally think of these rankings as a starting point.

4. Committee should submit their ratings prior to the second meeting date.

5. At the second meeting, nominees will be considered in the order of the preliminary ratings, with brief introductions by the committee members to whom those files have been assigned. The committee recommends nominees to the Provost, who makes the final decision.