Idaho State University awards annual faculty awards according to the guidelines outlined in this policy.

II. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of Academic Affairs has the authority and responsibility to update and review this policy as necessary in consultation with the faculty.

III. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT

A. ISU Distinguished Public Servant

1. Purpose: The ISU Distinguished Public Service Award recognizes outstanding professionally-related service by a faculty member.

2. Rules

   a. The selection committee is made up of eight faculty members, one from each college and school of the University and the University Library, two to three students, and three members of the public. Past recipients of the award are invited to serve.

   b. Nominations may be submitted by students, faculty, alumni, administrators or members of the general public.
c. Nominees must be in their third or subsequent year of full-time service at ISU.

d. Nominees must have the prospect and interest of continuing as a member of the University faculty for the next academic year.

e. Performance in the areas of teaching and research are not considered for this award.

3. Criteria

a. Service which significantly exceeds that expected as part of the basic job function.

b. Service which materially benefits citizens of the region, state or nation, or the profession as a whole.

B. ISU Distinguished Researcher

1. Purpose: The ISU Distinguished Researcher Award is given to the faculty member judged to have contributed most significantly to the research effort of the University.

2. Rules

a. The Faculty Research Committee serves as the selection committee, with the Graduate Dean as chairperson.

b. Nominations are received from faculty and administrative staff who are familiar with the research efforts of faculty.

c. Nominees must be full-time faculty members who have made a significant, original/creative contribution to research.

d. Nomination and application material submitted will receive a peer review both inside and outside ISU.

3. Criteria

a. Significance of research in relation to knowledge in its field.

b. Publication of research findings in national or international journal or juried/invitational shows, exhibits, or performances.

c. Papers, shows or related public presentations of research findings and application by the discipline involved.
d. Evidence of extended, intentional development of the topic of research resulting in a significant contribution.

C. ISU Distinguished Teacher

1. Purpose: The ISU Distinguished Teacher Award recognizes the faculty member who is judged to most exemplify excellence in teaching.

2. Rules

a. The selection committee is made up of past recipients of the award (avoiding duplication of disciplines) and a student representative from each college not represented by a past recipient.

b. Nominees must be named by at least two of four categories of the academic community: students, faculty, alumni, administrators.

c. Nominees must be currently in their third or subsequent year of full-time service at ISU.

d. Nominees must have the prospect and interest of continuing as a member of the University faculty for the next academic year.

e. Nominees will release for consideration by the search committee the annual evaluations of students, department chair or dean.

f. Research, University and community service are not considered for this award.

3. Criteria

a. Exemplary excellence in teaching.

b. Exceptional approach to teaching.

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION

Approved: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

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