

Memo

To: Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman and Academic Deans

From: Dr. Hanna Norton

cc:

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Re: Faculty Excellence Award in Online Teaching

In discussions with the eTech Advisory Committee, with representation from all colleges, faculty have requested a Faculty Excellence Award in Online Teaching.

- This award would be for full-time faculty who teach at least one online course in an academic year. Ultimately, the committee is looking for stellar professors who are pushing the concept of quality online education.
- The process would be the same with nominations accepted and professors allowing access to their course as well as submitting discussions of what they are doing in course(s) to improve online student success and meet learning outcomes.
- Ultimately, the goal is for Academic Affairs to cover this award of \$2,000 (which is equal to the current Faculty Excellence Award amount given). However, for this year, the College of eTech can fund the award.
- Members of the eTech Advisory Committee have volunteered to serve as course reviewers.
- This award aligns with Arkansas Tech's Strategic Plan, Goal 2, Point 4:
"The University, through the College of eTech and in collaboration with other Colleges, will develop a comprehensive strategy for a renewed online education initiative that will collaborate with Departments and Colleges to ensure innovation and sound pedagogy of existing online programs, will foster and support development of existing face-to-face programs into an online environment, will propose additional online education opportunities (e.g. student success initiatives, certificates, undergraduate and graduate degree programs), will develop services to promote success for online students, and will create a marketing plan as appropriate."