ARTICLE XX: UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING FACULTY

Section 1. Title, eligibility, and appointment process: The university will create a University Distinguished Teaching Faculty title to be conferred upon a select number of highly qualified master teachers chosen through a process of nomination and self-nomination. Qualified faculty are Career faculty who can demonstrate excellence in teaching through their previous evaluations, relevant awards and accomplishments, and application materials. The number of appointments provided each year will be determined by the Office of the Provost based on the institution's financial capacity and operational needs.

Section 2. Duration of title and duties: University Distinguished Teaching Faculty appointments generally last for three academic years. The title, however, will remain in place for the duration of the appointee’s employment with the university. During the three academic years associated with the appointment, appointees will be provided with a reallocation of effort from teaching to the leadership projects described below. This reallocation will be determined on a case by cases basis but is generally equivalent to two course releases and a $3,000 stipend. These benefits are provided in order to allow the faculty member to pursue significant teaching projects with transformative undergraduate and graduate educational experiences related to university priorities of student success; inclusiveness and equity in the curriculum; and strategic initiatives of the President and the Provost, such as data science, the environment, innovation, and humanistic inquiry. Specific projects will be assigned by the Office of the Provost in consultation with the faculty member.

Section 3. TEP Support: The Teaching Engagement Program in the Office of the Provost will provide support to assist University Distinguished Teaching Faculty with their projects. Through this affiliation, University Distinguished Teaching Faculty will participate in a variety of activities across the campus that promote teaching excellence.

Section 4. University Distinguished Teaching Faculty serve at the discretion of the Provost.