**Piper Professor Award AA/PPS No. 02.04.21**

**Recognition Issue No. 4**

**Effective Date: 02/21/2024**

**Next Review Date: 03/01/2027 (E3Y)  
Sr. Reviewer: Faculty Senate**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Texas State University is committed to providing recognition to faculty members for their outstanding achievements in teaching.

01. GENERAL INFORMATION

* 1. The Piper Professor Award is conferred by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio, Texas.

01.02 The Piper Professor Award is intended to recognize outstanding achievement in teaching at Texas colleges and universities. The Foundation's selection committee looks for "the well-rounded, outgoing teacher, devoted to the profession, who has made a special impact on students and the community."

01.03 In late spring and early fall, Faculty Senate will announce the award and will call for applications from faculty with outstanding teaching records to be considered for selection as the Texas State University nominee for the Piper Professor Award. The [Piper Professor Committee](http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/committees/piper.html) will be charged with thoroughly reviewing all applications and selecting the Texas State nominee for the Piper Professor Award.

01.04 Ten awards of $5,000 each will be made annually to professors for superior teaching at the college level. Selections will be made from nominations submitted by each college or university in Texas.

01.05 Application and review information, the list of Texas State Piper Professors, and examples of successful applications will be posted on the [Faculty Senate website](http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/resources/piper-award.html).

02. PROCEDURES FOR PIPER PROFESSOR AWARD RECOGNITION

02.01 When Texas State is notified that one of its faculty has been selected as a Piper Professor, the provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs (EVPAA) shall plan and coordinate the reception around the schedules of the recipient, the provost and EVPAA, and the president. The president, or designee, will make the presentation at the ceremony. The reception will be funded from a central account.

02.02 All deans, chairs or directors, President’s Cabinet, faculty, and retired faculty shall be invited to the reception.

02.03 Former Texas State Piper Professors shall be invited to the reception and, if possible, shall be introduced as special guests at the reception.

02.04 The provost and EVPAA will initiate a letter of congratulations from the president to the recipient.

02.05 The provost and EVPAA will request that the Texas State Newsroom issue a news release that will coincide with the general announcement of the selection and invitation to the reception.

03. REVIEWERS OF THIS PPS

03.01 Reviewer of this PPS includes the following:

Position Date

Faculty Senate March 1 E3Y

04. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

This PPS has been approved by the following individuals in their official capacities and represents Texas State Academic Affairs policy and procedure from the date of this document until superseded.

Faculty Senate; senior reviewer of this PPS

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs