

Faculty Awards and Recognition Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2015, Prairie Rose, Memorial Union

Attendees: Kevin Brooks, Daniel Friesner, Sumathy Krishnan, Simone Ludwig, Linda Manikowske, Rodney Traub, Kimberly Vonnahme, chair Canan Bilen-Green, secretary Melissa Lamp.

Guests: Mark Harvey on behalf of the Faculty Lectureship award

1. Introduction

C. Bilen-Green led the introductions of the first meeting of this newly-formed committee. The charge of this faculty-elected university-wide committee, in addition to reviewing and ranking nominations for faculty awards, is to find ways to celebrate faculty accomplishments and recognitions that are not currently being celebrated.

2. Announcements

- Statistics on past award nominations are available on the Awards Committee Sharepoint site.
- Promote upcoming awards within your College. Service Learning and Outstanding Advisors are the next awards for which the committee will solicit nominations.

3. Tasks

FAR Committee Tasks	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1) Solicit, review, and select finalist for the faculty awards, professorships.		X	X	X	
2) Organize events to recognize faculty excellence and contributions.	X				X
3) Establish criteria and nominating procedures for faculty awards.	X				X
4) Develop proposals for new awards.					X

M. Harvey noted that the Faculty Lectureship Committee has disbanded, with the intention that the Faculty Awards and Recognition Committee will take over the award.

The committee discussed the confusion in the names of the two lectureship awards; the process for the University Distinguished Professorship; the possibility of staggering the rotation for the committee members; and including links to faculty bios with the next election.

4. Award Criteria

As the committee reviews this year’s nominations, C. Bilen-Green asked them to note recommendations for modifications to the criteria that would be implemented next year.

5. Celebration Event(s)

The committee decided to keep the lectureship and celebration events separate this year and look into changes for 2017 at the April meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Celebration of Faculty Excellence, as well as including recent tenure and promotions as part of the celebrations.

6. Conflicts of Interest

Committee members who are nominated for an award should recuse themselves from participating in the review of nominations for that award. If a committee member recognizes any other type of conflict, that committee member should recuse him- or herself from reviewing the award.

7. Other Topics

Committee members should collect feedback on the award criteria and review process throughout the year to discuss at the April meeting.

M. Harvey will provide the Faculty Lectureship scorecard for ranking nominations. M. Lamp will add the document to the Sharepoint site.

M. Lamp will obtain the posters from past Faculty Lectureships for the Provost’s award page.

8. Next Meeting

M. Lamp will poll the committee for a 90 minute meeting at the end of January. The January meeting topic will be the review and selection of finalists for the Faculty Lectureship, Waldron, Peltier, and Odney awards.