COMMITTEE: Academic Awards Committee

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2018

PERSON PRESIDING: Gabriel DiMartino, Committee Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Anderson, Michael Catalano, Gabriel DiMartino, Angela Dresselhaus Rose Haddock,

REGULAR MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Shouquan Huo, Randall Martoccia, Jane Trapp

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jamin Carson (representative of the Chancellor), Cody Chullen (representative of the Faculty Senate), Patricia Fazzone (representative of the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences), Josiah Thornton (representative of Student Body), Louis Warren (representative of the Chair of the Faculty), Sarah Williams (representative of the Provost),

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Verbanac (representative of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development, and Engagement)

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

RECORDER: Rose Haddock, Academic Awards Committee Secretary

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Gabriel DiMartino, Committee Chair

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item 1: Review and approve September committee meeting minutes.

Discussion: September meeting minutes were reviewed. Committee chair will collect and forward proof of votes from the September 12 email motion to move the deadline for nominations from 9.17 to 9.21 due to incoming inclement weather. This motion will be added to September meeting minutes.

September meeting minutes should reflect Trisha Anderson as the Vice Chair not Randall Martoccia as previously stated.

Action Taken: Committee members approved September meetings with amendments to include correct Vice Chair and change in nomination deadline.

Agenda Item 2: Sub-committee Selections

Discussion: Sub-committee selections sent out. Members asked to review and ensure there are no conflict of interests. Josiah Thornton will represent Student Government Association (SGA). Two additional students will be placed on at least two sub-committees.

Action Taken: One member will be moved off a sub-committee that he is currently nominated for and will
be placed on another sub-committee.

**Agenda Item 3:** Academic Awards Nominations Update

**Discussion:** Nomination list has been updated. There were some irregularities in the submission process however all nominations were submitted prior to the new deadline. Some discussion on potential sub-committee members from outside of the current committee, ie additional Provost and Faculty Senate representatives. Blackboard sections have been created for award nominees.

**Agenda Item 4:** Award Chairs

**Discussion:** Chairs for each sub-committee are to review each award on the website for deadline information. Deadlines vary for each award: Research/Creative Awards – Dec; almost all others in Jan or Feb. As video submissions are required for several awards there was some discussion on encouraging faculty to provide a narrative with the videos. The committee may want to provide some directions to faculty to connect teaching philosophy with classroom video submissions.

**Action Taken:** Each sub-committee chair should create a rubric and confer with subcommittee to schedule meetings to review and nominate winners. Sub-committee chairs should also record any difficulties in the review process so these can be addressed for next year’s committees.

**Agenda Item 5:** Curriculum Vitae Limitations

**Discussion:** Some discussion on limiting CV’s to 50 pages based on last year’s recommendations. No minutes from last year were found to support this.

**Action Taken:** The committee will create a FAQ section for nominees to help with the submission process.

**Agenda Item 6:** Implicit Bias Training

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed the possible need for implicit bias training.

**Action Taken:** As there are only two new members on the committee, members were encouraged to view the Implicit bias training on Harvard University’s website.

**Agenda Item 7:** Service Learning Award

**Discussion:** There is no change in the status of the Service Learning Award. Provost office needs to meet with relevant people. Currently waiting for that meeting to happen.
**Action Item 8**: New/Old Business

Discussion: There appears to be a struggle with teaching philosophies, theoretical vs practical. There may also be some need for discussion on the criteria for selection when comparing/contrasting arts vs sciences. This may need to happen after February meeting, once awards are selected.

Also some discussion on appropriateness of helping nominees when requesting help. Subcommittees may want to consider advising when nominees request additional information.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM**

**NEXT MEETING**: November 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in 142 Rawl Annex

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**
(1) Approval of minutes (10/4/18)
(2) Nominee submissions