COMMITTEE: Academic Awards Committee

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2018

PERSON PRESIDING: Gabriel DiMartino, Committee Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Anderson, Michael Catalano, Gabriel DiMartino, Angela Dresselhaus, Rose Haddock, Shouquan Huo, Randall Martoccia, Jane Trapp

REGULAR MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

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), Kathryn Verbanac (representative of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development, and Engagement), Sarah Williams (representative of the Provost),

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Louis Warren (representative of the Chair of the Faculty),

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee and Jeff Popke

RECORDER: Rose Haddock, Academic Awards Committee Secretary

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM by Gabriel DiMartino, Committee Chair

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item 1: Subcommittee Progress

Discussion: Most subcommittees have started the selection process. Two subcommittees have selected their award winners and have forwarded the names to Sarah Williams. Several subcommittees were meeting directly after the Academic Awards committee. One sub-committee will begin the selection process when the academic year resumes in January.

Action Taken: As subcommittees select the winners for their awards they are encouraged to forward the names and required documentation to Sarah Williams.

Agenda Item 2: Service Learning Award

Discussion: Jeff Popke and Gabriel updated the committee on the Service Learning Award. The Service Learning committee is not happy with the award as approved by the Academic Awards Committee. The committee was able to hear some of the history of the development of criteria for a class to be designated as service learning. Some interested to learn why more faculty do not seek SL designation if they are encouraging/requiring SL as part of their course requirement. Academic Awards require
multiple components including letters of support, peer reviews, nomination letters, etc. SL committee is responsible to ensure classes meet SL criteria. Do not want to “legitimise” SL Award unless it meets criteria similar to other Academic Awards.

Action Taken: Discussion tabled. Recommendation that VC Hardy is approached to approve and fund SL Academic Award.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in 142 Rawl Annex

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED
(1) Approval of minutes (11/1/18, 12/6/18)
(2) Service Learning Award update
(3) Sub-committee updates