COMMITTEE: Academic Awards Committee

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2018

PERSON PRESIDING: Gabriel DiMartino, Committee Vice Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Catalano, Gabriel DiMartino, Shouquan Huo, Randall Martoccia, Pamela Reis

REGULAR MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Dresselhaus, Patricia Anderson, Jane Trapp

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jamin Carson (representative of the Chancellor), Rose Haddock (representative of the Chair of the Faculty), Donna Lake via phone (representative of the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences), Dorothy Muller (representative of the Provost), Bryant Neal (representative of the Student Body)

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

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

RECORDER: Pamela Reis, Academic Awards Committee Secretary

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

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item 1: Approval of December 2017 Minutes

Discussion: A motion was made to approve 12/7/17 minutes as recorded, and a second to the motion was received. There were no abstentions.

Action Taken: December 2017 minutes approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Assigned additional duties to: L. Lee will post the final version of the minutes on the Academic Awards website.

Agenda Item 2: Subcommittee Updates

Discussion: Subcommittee updates are as follows:

Board of Governors – Distinguished Professor: Six finalists were selected, and the names of the nominees and finalists were sent to the Chancellor.
Board of Governors – Excellence in Teaching: D. Muller reported for the BOG Excellence in Teaching Award Subcommittee. The subcommittee forwarded its top two choices to the Chancellor and Academic Council. Following the guidelines, the Chancellor reviewed the materials and input and made the final decision for this year’s nominee. The required materials with the Chancellor’s transmittal letter were forwarded to the UNC System and received prior to the February 1 deadline. The Board of Governors will review institution submissions and vote on acceptance at its March meeting. There was discussion about the procedure for awarding the BOG-Excellence in Teaching award. The Committee agreed that the BOG-Excellence in Teaching subcommittee should review and clarify the process when the 2018-2019 award selection is due to occur.

University Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Awards and Robert L. Jones Teaching Award: Seven (7) finalists were selected. Their videos are due on February 9th. Three winners will be selected before the University spring break.

Max Ray Joyner Award: Three finalists were selected. Their videos are due on February 17th. The winner will be selected by the first week in March.

Lifetime and Five-Year Achievement University Research/Creative Activity Awards: The winners were selected, and the names of the nominees and winners were sent to the Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development, and Engagement.

Scholarship of Engagement Award: A winner was selected, and the names of the nominees and the winner were sent to the Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development, and Engagement.

Action Taken: As above

Assigned additional duties to: Subcommittee chairs and members as noted above.

Agenda Item 3: Save the Date Announcement for Awards Ceremonies

Discussion: The save-the-date flyer with the dates and location of the academic awards ceremonies was distributed to committee members. Committee members were encouraged to attend the awards ceremonies and to ask their departmental/unit colleagues to attend as well.

Agenda Item 4: Proposed Service-Learning Teaching Excellence Award Proposal

Discussion: L. Lee presented a copy of the proposed final draft of the Service-Learning Teaching Excellence Award proposal. The final draft was developed by the workgroup (P. Anderson, A. Dresselhaus, Michele Mendes representing the Service Learning Committee, and L. Lee) who volunteered to review the proposal and prepare the final draft. The discussion about the proposal was as follows:

1. Revisions were made by the workgroup in the evaluation process to honor Dr. Dennis McCunney’s request that a representative from the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) or the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs be involved in the selection process. The revised evaluation procedures section states that the selection committee will
consists of 2 members of the Academic Awards Committee, 1 faculty member from the Service Learning Committee, 1 faculty member appointed by the Chair of the Faculty, and 1 member appointed by the CLCE. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will review the selected candidates’ materials and concur with the selection committee’s recommendations or meet with the selection committee to seek resolution.

2. The Eligibility section was modified to clarify that all full-term faculty are eligible for the award.

Action Taken:
1. A motion to approve the proposal with the edits to the eligibility section was made and a second to the motion was received. The proposal was approved by unanimous vote.

2. There was agreement that A. Dresselhaus or J. Stiller should reach out to Dr. McCunney to let him know that the Committee approved the final draft of the proposal and it will be submitted to the Faculty Senate as a February meeting agenda item.

Assigned additional duties to: A. Dresselhaus or J. Stiller to contact Dr. McCunney.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED
(1) Approval of minutes (2/1/18)
(2) Subcommittee reports