

Academic Awards Committee Meeting

October 2, 2014

Present: Dorothy Muller, Zac Domire, Joy Stapleton, Sergiy Vikomir, Natalie Sira, Kathy Verbanac, John Sorenson

Zac Domire led meeting as Vice-chair of the Committee.

Dorothy disseminated a chart of committee members for each award. Some names were the members that self-selected award committees in the September meeting. Dorothy also placed the remaining Awards Committee members into potential award groups. All members present agreed with the placements. John Sorenson agreed to serve as chair on the BOG Distinguished Professor for Teaching and to serve on the BOG Award for Excellence in Teaching committee. Zac agreed to chair the University Alumni Award for Outstanding Teaching. There are only 3 members on the Scholarship of Engagement award but the committee agreed that since there are only 4 nominees, three was an appropriate number. All committees now have chairs. Dorothy is working on filling the additional positions needed for the committees.

There was some discussion about the lack of nominees from some colleges as well as some late submissions. The faculty in the College of Business met on September 15 but the letter from the dean did not come to the OFE until September 16. The nomination for HCAS was also late (9/23). The chair sent the nomination in on time but the new dean did not. The Academic Awards Committee discussed the late submissions and voted. The committee decided to accept the late nominations this year rather than penalizing the nominated faculty.

Some colleges rarely send nominees. The College of Health and Human Performance nominees was missing. Since this was unusual, Dorothy stated that she would look back through her email to make sure she didn't miss the nominations. (She did find their nominations and sent an email on 10/2 acknowledging them). A motion was made to email colleges who did not submit nominations to confirm no nominations were sent. Motion was seconded and approved. Dorothy stated she would normally have already sent letters out to everyone but was waiting to hear what the committee decided about the late nominations.

The committee talked about how to get all colleges to submit nominations. Strategies to increase nominations included

- 1) Moving nominations to the web through Qualtrix. That would make the nomination process and compiling the nominations into an excel spreadsheet MUCH easier for everyone involved.
- 2) Are faculty aware that their colleges never nominate anyone for teaching awards? Present data on nominations by college over the last 5 years to faculty senate. Maybe increased awareness will increase nominations.

Motion was made to approve September meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned.