COMMITTEE: Academic Awards

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2003

PERSON PRESIDING: Jeff Phepps, Mark Taggart, Charles Boklage

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rose Allen, Tope Bello, Charles Boklage, Dot Clayton, Matthew Cohen, Lida Dutkova-Cope, Hanna Jubran, John Reisch, Ed Stellwag

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lauriston King

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Feldbush, Vice-Chancellor for Research; Rick Niswander, Chair of Faculty; Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

1. Election of officers (Mark Taggart)
   a. Charles Boklage was elected Committee Chair
   b. Tope Bello was elected Committee Vice-Chair
   c. It was suggested that Committee Secretary be appointed on a rotation basis. This meeting was recorded by Lida Cope

Discussion:

1. Research/Creativy Activity Lifetime and Five-Year Awards
   a. Tom Feldbush announced there would be $10,000 available to the Committee to distribute proportionally to the number of recipients in this academic year. Typically 4 awards (two life-time and two five-year) are awarded every year. Recommendations from the Committee for awardees are needed by February 2004.
   b. Chuck Boklage responded to Tom Feldbush’s comment about a possible change in the distribution of awards saying that, in fact, last year’s decisions continued to follow the two/two division.
   c. Through this exchange emerged a suggestion regarding the manner in which awards should be given: sending it (1) directly to a recipient to use at his or her discretion or (2) to a recipient’s research account
   d. Rick Niswander suggested that the Committee send a resolution to Faculty Senate to consider the award on an endowment basis. He will draft a proposal for the Committee to discuss.

2. New Business
   a. Continuing on the topic of Research/Creative Activity Awards, Chuck Boklage and Rick Niswander exchanged ideas about each university unit’s eligibility for sending forward nominees. An example was given of the College of Business that has chosen to be treated as a single unit (one nominee) vs. large colleges such as the College of Arts and Sciences with a number of units. Niswander’s suggestion would have all unit nominations bundled through their colleges. He will prepare his idea in writing for the Committee to consider.
b. The meeting time has been changed from 3 to 2pm to better accommodate some members’ schedules.

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2003 at 2pm

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
  a. Forming subcommittees for consideration of the various awards
  b. Discussion of Rick Niswander’s proposal about award distribution with regard to “unit” definition