

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Agenda

11 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Zoom

1. Approving: Minutes from December 17 Professional Relations Committee Meeting

2. Reviewing: Timeline for Our Review of Nominations for Outstanding Faculty Awards

a. As of this month, here are the remaining steps our traditional timeline for selecting the winners of Outstanding Faculty Awards and planning the ceremony to recognize them:

i. **January:** Committee members discuss nominations and rank finalists for awards

ii. **February:** Committee members cast final votes for award winners, including one Most Outstanding Faculty, up to ten full-time Outstanding Faculty, and up to ten part-time Outstanding Faculty; chair presents information on award winners to president of the Faculty Senate

iii. **March:** Committee members work on logistics associated with awards ceremony

iv. **April:** Outstanding Faculty Awards are presented to winners at ceremony

3. Discussing: Our Preliminary Rankings of the Nominees for the 2023-2024 Outstanding Faculty Awards

a. Based on the top-ten lists that Professional Relations Committee members submitted through the online form created by committee member Pamela Sepulveda, let's look at our preliminary rankings of both the full-time nominees and the part-time nominees for the 2024-2025 Outstanding Faculty Awards.

b. A suggestion from the past co-chairs of the committee, Lydia Cosio and Clara Ross-Jones, that we took into consideration last year was to see if there seemed to be a natural "cut-off" point in the rankings. Just because the committee can present one Most Outstanding Faculty Award, up to ten Outstanding Faculty Awards to full-time faculty, and up to ten Outstanding Faculty Awards to part-time faculty, that does not mean it has to give out the maximum number of twenty-one. With that in mind, do we detect a natural "cut-off" point in the rankings for either full-timers or part-timers?

c. During the 2023-2024 academic year, the committee discussed if there should be a policy about repeat winners of the awards. Ultimately, we reached a consensus that there did not need to be such a policy for 2023-2024 because the Outstanding Faculty Awards had not been presented since 2019-2020. Do we now want to revisit this discussion in the 2024-2025 academic year?

4. Deciding: Our Next Steps

a. Do we want to make any decisions about award winners today, or – as scheduled in the traditional timeline – do we instead intend to select them during our February meeting?

5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor

Our Next Meeting: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025