

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Minutes

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Zoom

Call to Order: 11:03 a.m.

Quorum Met: Yes

Facilitator: Chad Greene

Members Present:

Sherryl Carter, ACCME – Adult Education
Berenice Gallardo, Counseling
Dahlene Holliness, Student Accessibility Services
Michelle Kim, Liberal Arts
Renee Le Fevrier, ASCC
Paula Pereira, Library
Rossi Petrova, Technology
Veronica Sanchez, Humanities and Social Sciences
Pamela Sepulveda, ACCME – Falcon’s Nest
Wendy Thomas, Confidential – President’s Office

Members Absent:

Robert Campolo, Fine Arts and Communications
Anne Contreras, Health Occupations
Kari Hemmerling, Kinesiology
Peter Moloney, Business Education
Phuong Nguyen, Science, Engineering, and Mathematics
Sarah Pirtle, CSEA – Media Services

1. Approving: Minutes from November 19 Professional Relations Committee Meeting

a. Pamela Sepulveda made a motion to approve the minutes from the committee’s meeting on November 19, which was seconded by Sherryl Carter. The minutes were approved.

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

a. The members of the Professional Relations Committee refreshed their memories of the traditional timeline for the review of the nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Awards:

- i.** November: Nominations for Outstanding Faculty Awards close at end of month; committee finalizes timeline for review of nominations
- ii.** December: Committee members begin their review of nominations
- iii.** January: Committee members discuss nominations and rank finalists for awards

iv. 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

3. Sharing: Nominations for the 2024-2025 Outstanding Faculty Awards

- a. Chair Chad Greene reported that the committee had received a total of 218 valid nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Awards. The 72 full-time faculty members who had been nominated received a combined total of 136 nominations. The 59 part-time faculty members who have been nominated received a combined total of 82 nominations.
- b. Greene asked the committee if it wanted to accept the handful of nominations that had been submitted either one or two days late. After a discussion, the majority of the members resent voted to accept those late nominations.
- c. The 14 invalid nominations were mostly for Cerritos College employees who are not faculty. Greene promised to forward some of those to the Outstanding Classified/Confidential Employee Selection Committee for consideration, instead.
- d. Greene reported that he had created 131 PDF files, one for each nominee for an Outstanding Faculty Award. Each PDF contains all the nominations that faculty member received. Most nominees received one or two nominations. The highest number of nominations one person received was eleven.
- e. Greene explained how the committee members could access these files, to complete their initial reviews of the nominations before their next meeting on January 21.

4. Deciding: Whether Committee Members Who Were Nominated Would Accept or Decline

- a. During its November meeting, the committee discussed its past practices and/or policies if any of its members were themselves nominated for an award.
- b. The majority of the members present at that meeting supported continuing the policy from 2023-2024: That a member of the committee could be eligible to receive an award. However, if a committee member chose to accept their nomination, that would mean they could not participate in the consideration and discussion of all the nominations during the January and February meetings. They could still, however, contribute to the committee's efforts to put together the Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony in April. In this situation, the other option would be for the committee member to choose to decline their nomination, in which case, they could participate in the consideration and discussion of all the nominations during the January and February meetings.
- c. Five members of the Professional Relations Committee received nominations for Outstanding Faculty Awards this year: Kari Hemmerling, Dahlene Holliness, Peter Moloney, Phuong Nguyen, and Rossi Petrova. Hemmerling, Holliness, Moloney, and Nguyen decided to accept their nominations. Petrova decided to decline her nomination.

5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor

- a. There were no items from the floor.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:38 a.m.