

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Agenda

11 a.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Zoom

1. Approving: Minutes from December 12 Professional Relations Committee Meeting

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

a. The traditional timeline for the Professional Relations Committee's review of the nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Awards has been:

i. November: Nominations for Outstanding Faculty Awards close at end of month; committee finalizes timeline for review of nominations

iv. December: Committee members begin their review of nominations

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

vi. 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. 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 emailed to chair Chad Greene, he has created a spreadsheet to tabulate our preliminary rankings of the nominees. To generate scores for the nominees, each ranking was translated into a number between one and ten. For example, a number-one ranking from a committee member translated into a score of a ten. And a number-ten ranking translated into a score of a one.

b. A suggestion from the past co-chairs of the committee, Lydia Cosio and Clara Ross-Jones, is to see if there seems to be a natural "cut-off" point in the scores. Just because we 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 does not mean we have to give out the maximum number of twenty-one. So, do we detect a natural "cut-off" point in the scores for either full-timers or part-timers, as tabulated here?

c. Based on our preliminary rankings, does there seem to be a frontrunner for the Most Outstanding Faculty Award?

4. Deciding: Our Next Steps

a. As detailed in the traditional timeline above, the committee has typically 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 – at its February meeting. After our discussion of the nominations today, do we want to stick to that timeline? Or do we want to instead make decisions today?

b. If the consensus of the committee is to have another round of voting next month, how would the members like to conduct that vote?

5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor

Our Next Meeting: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024