

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Agenda

11 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Zoom

1. Approving: Minutes from January 16 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 Revised 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 by the extended deadline of January 23, he first created an updated spreadsheet to tabulate our revised rankings of the nominees. He then created a PDF file with bar graphs showing the levels of support for the top nominees, which he emailed to the committee members on January 26.

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. And the bar graphs do seem to depict different tiers of support.

c. With that in mind, Greene is respectfully suggesting that – during our meeting today – we concentrate our discussion on the top nine full-time nominees and the top eight part-

4. Deciding: Winners of the Most Outstanding Faculty Award, the Full-Time Outstanding Faculty Awards, and the Part-Time Outstanding Faculty Awards

a. As detailed in the traditional timeline above, this is the meeting when the committee is scheduled to select the award winners – including one Most Outstanding Faculty, up to ten full-time Outstanding Faculty, and up to ten part-time Outstanding Faculty. After our discussion of our revised rankings today, who will our 2023-2024 Outstanding Faculty Award winners be?

5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor

Our Next Meeting: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024