

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS**

**Minutes**

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

**Zoom**

**Call to Order:** 11:05 a.m.

**Quorum Met:** Yes

**Facilitator:** Chad Greene

**Members Present:**

Sherryl Carter, ACCME – Adult Education  
Michelle Fagundes, Liberal Arts  
Berenice Gallardo, Counseling  
Kari Hemmerling, Kinesiology  
Phuong Nguyen, Science, Engineering, and Mathematics  
Fatima Oregon, ASCC  
Paula Pereira, Library  
Rossi Petrova, Technology  
Sarah Pirtle, CSEA – Media Services  
Veronica Sanchez, Humanities and Social Sciences

**Members Absent:**

Robert Campolo, Fine Arts and Communications  
Lydia Cosio, Health Occupations  
Dahlene Holliness, Student Accessibility Services  
Peter Moloney, Business Education  
Pamela Sepulveda, ACCME – Falcon’s Nest

**1. Approving: Minutes from January 16 Professional Relations Committee Meeting**

**a.** Michelle Fagundes made a motion to approve the minutes from the committee’s meeting on January 16, which was seconded by Paula Pereira. 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 closed at end of month; committee finalized timeline for review of nominations

**ii. December:** Committee members began their review of nominations

**iii. January:** Committee members discussed nominations and ranked finalists for awards

**iv. February:** Committee members to 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 to present 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, was to see if there seems to be a natural “cut-off” point in the scores. Just because we could 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 had to give out the maximum number of twenty-one. And the bar graphs did seem to depict different tiers of support.
- c.** After an animated discussion, the members of the committee reached a consensus that they would honor the maximum numbers of ten full-timers and ten part-timers with Outstanding Faculty Awards for 2023-2024.

### **4. Deciding: Outstanding Faculty Award Winners**

- a.** Because the preliminary numbers considered during this meeting did not yet include all the committee members’ rankings, the consensus was that the deadline to submit top-ten lists would be extended by one week until Tuesday, January 23. Greene promised to then update the spreadsheet tabulating the preliminary rankings of the nominees and email the revised numbers to the committee members by Friday, January 26 for their consideration.
- b.** As scheduled in the traditional timeline, the committee selected the Outstanding Faculty Award winners at this meeting. The part-timers selected for Outstanding Faculty Awards were: Jason Chien, Biology; Melody Cochran, Nursing; Gustavo Demoner, Business Administration; Christopher Forsythe, Communication Studies; David Perkins, Welding; Charlie Peterson, Woodworking; Casey Piotrowski, Theatre Arts/Journalism and Media Studies; Kevin Takeuchi, Mathematics; Cliff Trimble, Woodworking; and Nancy Torres-Guimaraes, English. The full-timers selected for Outstanding Faculty Awards were: Lora Campeau, Mathematics; Susan Gradin, Child Development; Rachel Hiveley, Nursing; Angela Hoppe-Nagao, Communication Studies; Diane Loera, Dental Hygiene; Crystal LoVetere, Geography; Ken Matsuura, Counseling; Jerry Ramos, Business Administration; Michelle Steiber, Biology; and Joy Tshako, Sociology. Of those twenty exceptional colleagues, the Professional Relations Committee selected Ken Matsuura as our Most Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2023-2024.
- c.** Greene promised the committee he would complete the traditional timeline for the Outstanding Faculty Awards by sharing the information about the winners with president of the Faculty Senate, Dennis Falcon. He also promised to share the information with Monica Acuña in Staff Development, so she could order the plaques for the award winners.

### **5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor**

a. There were no items from the floor.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:55 a.m.