

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Minutes

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Zoom

Call to Order: 11:05 a.m.

Quorum Met: Yes

Facilitator: Chad Greene

Members Present:

Robert Campolo, Fine Arts and Communications
Sherryl Carter, ACCME – Adult Education
Lydia Cosio, Health Occupations
Michelle Fagundes, Liberal Arts
Berenice Gallardo, Counseling
Kari Hemmerling, Kinesiology
Dahlene Holliness, Student Accessibility Services
Paula Pereira, Library
Rossi Petrova, Technology
Sarah Pirtle, CSEA – Media Services
Veronica Sanchez, Humanities and Social Sciences
Pamela Sepulveda, ACCME – Falcon’s Nest

Members Absent:

Peter Moloney, Business Education
Phuong Nguyen, Science, Engineering, and Mathematics
Fatima Oregon, ASCC

1. Approving: Minutes from November 21 Professional Relations Committee Meeting

a. Michelle Fagundes made a motion to approve the minutes from the committee’s meeting on November 21, which was seconded by Pamela Sepulveda. The minutes were approved, with Berenice Gallardo abstaining.

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 has been:

- 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 2023-2024 Outstanding Faculty Awards

- a. The committee received a total of 231 valid nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Awards. The 66 full-time faculty members who were nominated received a combined total of 186 nominations. The 28 part-time faculty members who were nominated received a combined total of 45 nominations.
- b. The handful of invalid nominations were mostly for Cerritos College employees who are not faculty. Six of these were forwarded to the Outstanding Classified/Confidential Employee Selection Committee for consideration, instead.
- c. Professional Relations Committee chair Chad Greene created 94 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. There were six nominees who each received double-digit nominations. The highest number of nominations one person received was twenty-three.
- d. Greene explained how the committee members could access these files, to complete their initial reviews of the nominations before their next meeting on January 16. Veronica Sanchez volunteered to consolidate all the files into one PDF, for committee members who preferred to access the information in that form.

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

- a. During their November meeting, the current members discussed the Professional Relations Committee's past practices and/or policies if any of its members were themselves nominated for an award.
- b. After an animated discussion, a majority of the members present at that meeting voted 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 our January and February meetings. They could still, however, contribute to our 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 our January and February meetings.
- c. Three members of the Professional Relations Committee received nominations for 2023-2024 Outstanding Faculty Awards: Chad Greene, Michelle Fagundes, and Peter Moloney. On December 8, Greene emailed Fagundes and Moloney to inform them, so they could consider whether they want to accept or decline their nominations at the December 12 meeting. Greene and Fagundes decided to decline their nominations. Moloney decided to accept his nomination.

5. Soliciting: Items from the Floor

- a. There were no items from the floor.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.