

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

## Minutes

11 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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  
Anne Contreras, Health Occupations  
Michelle Kim, Liberal Arts  
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:

Berenice Gallardo, Counseling  
Kari Hemmerling, Kinesiology  
Dahlene Holliness, Student Accessibility Services  
Renee Le Fevrier, ASCC  
Peter Moloney, Business Education  
Phuong Nguyen, Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

### 1. Approving: Minutes from January 21 Professional Relations Committee Meeting

a. Michelle Kim made a motion to approve the minutes from the committee’s meeting on January 21, which was seconded by Robert Campolo. 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. Deciding: Would the Committee Consider Nominees Who Won Outstanding Faculty Awards in 2023-2024?**

a. Following up on a discussion during its previous meeting, the Professional Relations Committee decided that it would consider nominees who had won Outstanding Faculty Awards in the 2023-2024 academic year. During the discussion, it was noted that there was no language in the 2024-2025 call for nominations that ruled out that possibility. So the committee decided to revisit the issue of repeat winners before it issues the 2025-2026 call for nominations for Outstanding Faculty Awards. Michelle Kim made the motion, which was seconded by Sarah Pirtle. The motion passed.

### **4. Discussing: Our Revised Rankings of the Nominees for the 2024-2025 Outstanding Faculty Awards**

a. Based on the top-ten lists that Professional Relations Committee members submitted in January, Pamela Sepulveda first created an updated spreadsheet to tabulate our revised rankings of the nominees. Chad Greene and Kim then created bar graphs showing the levels of support for the top nominees, which Greene emailed to the committee members before their February meeting.

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 2024-2025.

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

a. As scheduled in the traditional timeline, the committee selected the Outstanding Faculty Award winners at this meeting.

b. The ten full-timers selected for Outstanding Faculty Awards were: Ryan Babiar, Biology; Angela Beck, Child Development; Dan DeKraker, Earth Science; Steven Hirohama, Theatre and Film; Miodrag “Mickey” Micic, Engineering Design Technology; Joe Mulleary, Automotive Technology; Rachel Natividad, Nursing; Michael Pierini, Culinary Arts; Jerry Ramos, Business Administration; and Maria Ugalde, Modern Languages. Campolo made the motion to select this slate of full-time Outstanding Faculty Award winners, which was seconded by Rossi Petrova. The motion passed.

c. The ten part-timers selected for Outstanding Faculty Awards were: Allen Bakalyar, Engineering; Zaynab Bundakji, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant; Jaime Carranza, Real Estate; Gustavo Demoner, Business Administration; Justin Dupee, Mental Health Worker; Dia Flores Vechayiem, Anthropology; Paula Harper Johnson, American Sign Language; Glenn Johnson, Biology; Maria Puente-Porras, Paralegal; and Carlos Sanchez, Woodworking Technology. Kim made the motion to select this slate of part-time Outstanding Faculty Award winners, which was seconded by Campolo. The motion passed.

d. Of those twenty exceptional colleagues, the Professional Relations Committee selected Michael Pierini as our Most Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2024-2025. Anne Contreras made the motion to select Pierini as the Most Outstanding Faculty Award winner, which was seconded by Petrova. The motion passed.

e. 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, Terrance Mullins. He also promised to share the information with Monica Acuña and Monique Valencia, so they could order the plaques and medals for the award winners.

**6. Soliciting: Items from the Floor**

a. There were no items from the floor.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:45 a.m.