

Report of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee 2002-2003

The major accomplishments of the Teaching and Learning Committee are noted in the text that follows. Concerns are noted at the end of the document.

The Teaching and Learning Committee conducted the nomination and selection process of the candidates for the Teaching Excellence Award. This year the nominations included 13 faculty tenured and tenure track professors and 8 non tenure track nominees. While selection of the winners was a difficult task given the wonderful credentials of all nominees for this award, the committee selected Associate Professor Mary Stein from Education as the tenured and tenure track winner, and Special Lecturer Phyllis White as the non tenure track winner from Music, Theatre and Dance. The Teaching Excellence Award is the major task the committee undertakes.

The Educational Development Grants is the second major project the committee undertakes. This year there were 11 grant applications. The grants were well written and the committee would have liked to fund more, but due to very limited funds only 3 grants were awarded. They were awarded to Lizabeth Barclay in Management and Marketing for \$250.00, to Douglas Wendell in Biological Sciences for \$710.00 and to Mohamed Zohdy in Electrical Systems Engineering for \$400.00.

The newsletter *Insights and Ideas for Teaching and Learning* was published in the Fall and Winter semesters. The fall newsletter featured a text by Jude Nixon the 2001-2002 Teaching Excellence Award tenured/tenure track winner. The winter newsletter featured a text by Edith Diggory the 2001-2002 Teaching Excellence Award non-tenure track winner.

One workshop and luncheon was held during the month of February on Dispelling Myths: Using Technology in the Classroom and it featured John McEneaney of Reading, Joel Russell from Chemistry and David Sidaway from Accounting. Approximately 30 colleagues from across the campus were in attendance at this meeting.

A handbook was created for the committee detailing the major tasks and responsibilities of the committee. It includes sample forms from this year's events and a budget from this year.

New Charge for 2003-2004

Next fall the committee will also undertake a new task that is the selection of the undergraduate student award. Vice Provost Awbrey notified us of this new responsibility in April 2003.

Actions

At the final meeting of the year Vijayan Sugumaran of Management Information Systems was chosen as the Chair of the committee for 2003-2004.

Concerns of the Committee

The committee is concerned about its ability to function given the limited funds available. This year only \$1,360 were awarded for Educational Development Grants due to limited funding. If the Educational Development Grants are to continue it seems that greater funding must be assured prior to the call for proposals for the grant competition. The Teaching and Learning Committee funds are utilized primarily to fund the Teaching Excellence Award which requires \$4,000.00 (\$2,500.00 for the tenured/tenure track award and \$1,500.00 for the non-tenure track award.) In the future the availability of funding may effect what the committee can and cannot do. Budgetary information should be available to the committee Chair in September so plans can be made to use the money in the most expeditious way.

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