

Annual Report 2006-2007

Teaching and Learning Committee

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2006-2007 Teaching and Learning Committee Members

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There are four primary activities of the Teaching and Learning Committee: 1) to make recommendations of one full-time faculty member and one part-time faculty member for the Teaching Excellence/Excellence in Teaching Awards; 2) to recommend allocations of the educational development grant funds; 3) to publish the committee newsletter, "Insights and Ideas for Teaching and Learning"; and 4) to sponsor faculty luncheons/workshops to promote outstanding teaching and learning practices.

The 2006-2007 Committee

During the fall and winter semesters the Teaching and Learning Committee met approximately every two weeks.

I. Teaching Excellence Award: nominations were accepted online for the Teaching Excellence Award and the Excellence in Teaching Award. The nominees are listed in the table below. The chair obtained names and addresses of students, ten from the nominees and ten randomly selected from their chairpersons, in order to solicit letters of recommendation from them. The analysis of the materials and the selection of the winners took place early in the Winter Semester, 2007.

Table 1: Nominations, Fall 2006, for the Teaching Excellence Award and for the Excellence in Teaching Award:

Full -time		
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>
1	Bertocci, Peter	IS
2	Brown, Nancy	TDES
3	Cheng, Eddie	Math & Stat
4	Finke, John	Chemistry
5	Flumerfelt, Shannon	Ed Leadership
6	Ingram, Ilene	Ed Leadership
7	Insko, Jeffrey	English
8	Krauss, John	Physical Therapy
9	Li, Lidong	Reading & LA
10	Magnan, Morris	Nursing
11	McGlothlin, Charles	Occupational Safety & Health
12	McMillon, Gwen	Reading & LA
13	Morehead, Pamela	TDES
14	Palmer-Mehta, Valerie	RCJ
15	Pavonetti, Linda	Reading and LA
16	Pittiglio, Laura	Nursing
17	Riley-Doucet, Cheryl	Nursing
18	Sahu, Anandi	Economics
19	Talbert, Beth	RCJ
20	Zeppelin, Mary	TDES
Part-time		
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>
1	Bidthanapally, Rao	Physics
2	Briggs, Timothy	RCJ
3	Burke, Jay	Math & Stat
4	Corbets, Janine	Reading & LA
5	Dinsmoor, Laura	CSE
6	Fogel, Gene	RCJ
7	Green, Rodney	Ed Leadership
8	Hill, Darryl	Occupational Health & Safety
9	Ketcham, Patricia	Nursing
10	Molter, Dewain	TDES
11	Powers, Susan	Reading and LA
12	Reuter, Teri Lynn	RCJ
13	Siciliano, Mary	MTD
14	Staron, Jack	TDES
15	Vukasovich, Mila	MTD

2007 Teaching Excellence Award Winner: Peter Bertocci, Sociology & Anthropology, IE
 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner: Timothy Briggs, RCJ

II. Educational Development Grants: Over the course of the academic year, the committee reviewed the recommendations made by the previous committee (please see the annual report of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee for 2004-2005), made several changes and revised the call for proposals to reflect these changes. The revised call for proposals is attached to this report as Appendix 1. There were nine proposals submitted, of which eight were funded (see Table 2 below).

Table 2: Educational Grant Development Proposals

	Investigator(s)	Project Title	Decision	Amount requested/funded
1	Drapeau, Suzanne	Grant Writing Workshop tuition	Not Funded	650 / 0
2	Estes, Todd	Developing the Syllabus as a Tool for Teaching the U.S. History Survey	Funded	750 / 250
3	Gibson-Scipio, Wanda	Nurse Practitioner Student Perception of, Satisfaction with, and Recommendations for Web Based Education	Funded	750 / 750
4	Harrison, Barbara	Improving the Gerontological Assessment Skills of Nurse Practitioner Students	Funded	750 / 170
5	Herold, Niels	Shakespeare behind bars	Funded	750 / 750
6	Jumel, Caroline	Video for French 316/408 Conversation Course with Textbook: Cinema for Conversation	Funded	300 / 285
7	Lee Ji-Eun / Zeppelin, Mary	Teacher Candidates' Conceptions and Experiences in Mathematics for Elementary Teachers' Content and Methods Courses	Funded	750 / 750
8	Kraemer, Beth	Online Library Instruction for Distance Education Nursing Students	Funded	265 / 265
9	Maher, Sarah	Selective Sharp Debridement Workshop	Not Funded	750 / 0
10	Pittiglio, Laura	Reversing the Trajectory for Students on Probation: Steps for Success	Not Funded	750 / 0
11	Slater, Robert/ Juettemeyer, Tricia	Library Instruction 3.0 – Classroom on the Web	Not Funded	750 / 0

III. Newsletters: The Teaching and Learning Committee published two newsletters during the year.

1) The first newsletter was edited by Chris Clason, and it appeared in September 2006. The 2005 Teaching Excellence Award winner, Carlo Coppola of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and the Center for International Programs, authored an article on his teaching philosophy. Also appearing in this issue were articles on the Lilly North Conference by Assistant Vice President of E-learning and Instructional Support, Cathy Cheale, and on a new cognate in Andragogical Studies by Dyanne Tracy and Christine Abbot of the Department of Teacher Development and Education Studies.

2) The second newsletter, which appeared in March 2007, was also edited by Chris Clason. This issue featured an article by Dagmar Cronn, winner of the 2006 Teaching Excellence Award, as well as contributions by Frances Jackson of the School of Nursing, Shawn Lombardo and Tricia Juettemeyer of Kresge Library, and Chris Clason.

IV. Workshops and Luncheons: The committee sponsored two luncheon/workshops during the year.

1) The first luncheon was held on Wednesday, November 14th, 2006. The focus of this luncheon was a workshop offered by Rachel Smydra of the Department of English and Shawn Lombardo and Tricia Juettemeyer of the Kresge Library, entitled “Information Ethics in the Information Age: Plagiarism at OU.” Over the course of the hour, the presenters reviewed, with the participants, the tools and programs available for preventing and detecting plagiarism, and introduced the faculty to new materials available for classroom use to educate the students about ethical research methods.

2) The second luncheon was held on March 15th, 2007, and honored the nominees for the Teaching Excellence and Excellence in Teaching Awards.

V. Other Activities: The committee continued discussions on the possibility of placing the entire process of nomination, collection of information and dossier evaluation of the two teaching awards during the summer break.

The Committee continued discussions on revisions of the call for nominations for the Teaching Excellence Awards, in light of Provost Moudgil’s suggestions and guidelines for the committee.

The Committee carried forth discussions on specific problems related to teaching first-year students and suggested activities in support of the Foundations of Excellence initiative. The committee supported Vice Provost Awbrey’s efforts to bring speakers, such as John Gardner, founder of the Policy Center on the First Year of College, and author Cathy Small, to campus, to speak on first year student issues..

A newsletter is currently in preparation for distribution during the Fall Semester 2007.