Academic Staff Awards Committee
2019-2020 Annual Report

Members

James Hardy (Chair, 2017-2020)
Aaron Dierks (2019-2022)
Jeana Holt (2017-2020)
Kevin Jahnke (2018-2021)
Leah Stoiber (Co-Chair, 2019-2022)

Charter

The purpose of the Academic Staff Awards Committee is to administer the following awards: the UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Performance and Service Awards, and the UWM Outstanding Teaching Award. Additionally, the Committee administers nominations for the UW System Regents Administrative and Professional Academic Staff Excellence Awards, and the UW System Regents Teaching Excellence Awards. Lastly, the Awards Committee will work with the Academic Staff Committee to administer other professional development funds and awards not administered directly by colleges, schools, or departments.

Meetings

a. 9/23/2019: introduced members, reviewed committee bylaws, reviewed and revised award applications, scheduled future meetings
b. 12/9/2019: Regents' Teaching Excellence Award meeting canceled (no submissions)
c. 2/11/2020: submitted Qualtrics vote for 1 Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Awards submission
d. 5/8/2020: met to review UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Teaching and Performance & Service Awards
e. 5/22/2020: met to review the UWM AS Group and Individual Professional Development Awards and determine recipients and award amounts
f. 6/5/2020: met to draft committee wrap-up notes, introduce new ASAC members for 2020-21, discuss potential changes to future processes

Minutes

All minutes have been submitted to the Secretary of the University's Office.

Major accomplishments and actions

The COVID-19 situation greatly impacted the UWM budget, and as a result, available funds for UWM-specific awards. In the past, 4-6 awards for Outstanding Teaching and Outstanding Performance & Service were distributed at $1,500 each, and typically $50,000

for Professional Development awards. This year, a tentative budget of $20,000 was set for all 3 awards combined. Luckily, we received fewer PD submissions, but it was still difficult to determine the number of awards and amounts given the smaller budget.

Professional Development Awards 2019-2020 (Nominations due April 30, 2020; Reviewed at May 22, 2019 meeting)

- We received 1 group award application and 8 individual award applications, totaling $16,352 in requested funds. We awarded 1 group award at full funding and 8 individuals at varied levels of funding. Maximum award amounts were $3,250 for groups and $1,450 for individuals.
- Recipients and their funded activity will be notified in June 2020.

UW System Regents' Teaching Excellence Award 2020 (Nominations due December 6, 2019; no submissions)

UW System Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Award 2019 (Nominations due February 7, 2020; Reviewed virtually and voted via Qualtrics on February 10, 2020)

- We received 1 nomination; 1 was moved forward to the Regents.

UWM Outstanding Teaching Award 2020 (Nominations due April 3, 2020; Reviewed at May 8, 2020 meeting)

- Three candidates were submitted for consideration; 9 applications were received.
- Awardees will be announced and recognized at the 2020 Award Ceremony.

UWM Outstanding Performance and Service Award 2020 (Nominations due April 3, 2020; Reviewed at May 22, 2020 meeting)

- Three candidates were submitted for consideration; 7 applications were received.
- Awardees will be announced and recognized at the 2020 Award Ceremony.

Communications

- Submitted brief on committee to the Fall 2019 A. S. Connection
- Announced calls for nominations and submissions via Secretary of University's email to Academic Staff.

Membership

Emily Kuhnen and Rosemary Stelzer will join the committee for a three-year term (2020-2023).
TBA will be Chair and TBA will be Secretary for the 2020-2021 academic year.
Respectfully submitted by James Hardy (Chair, Academic Staff Awards Committee).