

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 6, 2020
3:00pm Central Standard Time - TEAMS

Attendance: Jon Kahl, Joseph Mougel, Stacii, Simon (Xiangming) Mu, Swapnil Tripathi, Gabriel Rei-Doval, Sarah Riforgiate, Michele Polfuss (Recorder)

- I. Call to Order at 3:02pm
- II. Self-Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Meeting as distributed – Michelle/Simon at 3:12
- IV. New Business
 - A. Finalize process for evaluating the UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award nominees
Discussion about how to determine awards
 - *In the past there was no set criteria for evaluation*
 - *COVID-19 necessitated a switch to CANVAS and online teaching which is new for many and can be create additional challenges*
 - *Previously the awards and recognition committee received documents the candidates wanted to provide (in addition to the nomination packet) such as CV, Syllabus, interview, access to recommendation letters*
 - *Interviews this year could be very helpful since recommendation letters are typically positive*
 - *Student input was beneficial*
 - *If we have 3 awards available – is our job switching from who is deserving to confirming that someone is deserving*
 - *Prefer to not judge course/Canvas site due to COVID and increased challenges encountered*
 - *Good news that we have 3 awards and can provide positive news*
 - *Focus on interviews being helpful*
 - *Suggestion to have each committee member provide and ask a question*
 - *Appreciate Stacii's student perspective*

- B. Discuss nominations for the UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (deadline October 23, 2020) and determine observation schedule
Suggestion for 2nd week of January 13th 1st preference, 12th second preference? 11th. We will set up the time to have 15-minute breaks at least in between meetings. Sarah will notify candidates and set up the meetings, then notify the committee.
- C. Set additional Spring semester meeting dates (2) to discuss:
1. The Regents Teaching Excellence Award (generally has a deadline in January): <https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/regent-awards/regent-awards/#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20the%20Regents,outstanding%20career%20achievement%20in%20teaching>
Requested submissions by 11/5; as of today no applications were received
 2. The UWM Distinguished University Service Award and UWM Distinguished University Public Service Award (deadline April 2, 2021)
Will set up a date to meet and review applications once the Spring semester is underway.
 3. The UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (decide in April 2021)
Will set up a date to decide after January interviews have concluded

V. Adjourn at 3:40pm

The Committee may go into closed session to consider personnel matters pursuant to: Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1) (c), (f)