

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee  
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE  
2020-2021 Annual Report**

**Members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Div</b>	<b>E/A</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Jonathan Kahl	FAC	Math	NS	E	2023
Swapnil Tripathi	FAC	Mathematics & Natural Sciences	GS	A	2023
Gabriel Rei-Doval <sup>1</sup>	FAC	Spanish & Portuguese	AH	A	2022
Sarah Riforgiate, <b>Chair</b>	FAC	Communication	SS	E	2022
Joseph Mougel <sup>2</sup>	FAC	Art & Design	AH	A	2021
Xiangming (Simon) Mu	FAC	Information Studies	PR	A	2021
Michele Polfuss	FAC	Nursing	PR	E	2021
Stacii James	Student				2021
Vicki Zlotin	Student				2021

< > Yet to be appointed

1 Repl. I. Suzuki (2022-A)

2 Repl. G. Xu<sup>3</sup> (2021-A)

3 Repl. M Nosonovsky (2021-E)

**Charter:**

**Functions/ Responsibilities:**

**A1.6 Awards and Recognition Committee**

- (1) Membership. Nine members as follows: four elected faculty members; three faculty members appointed by the University Committee; and two students.
- (2) Functions
  - a) Subject to administrative policies and guidelines and subject to the provisions of gifts, bequests, or other unbudgeted sources not administered directly by colleges, schools, or departments, recommends or selects candidates for awards or recognition for faculty members.
  - b) Selects recipients for outstanding teacher recognition awards and service awards from candidates nominated by students, faculty, or departments.

- c) Recommends students for appropriate scholarship awards not under the jurisdiction of other faculty committees or other agencies.
- d) Maintains liaison with appropriate system-wide committees where these are pertinent to UWM.
- e) Acts as an information clearing house concerning sources of awards and recognition.

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### **Meetings:**

Report completed April 22, 2021

Report emailed to: UWM Office of the Secretary of the University, [secofunv@uwm.edu](mailto:secofunv@uwm.edu)  
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### **Committee 2020-2021 Activity:**

In 2020-2021, the Awards and Recognition Committee met twice in the fall, jointly met with each of the three faculty members nominated for the Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award in January before classes resumed and met once in the spring.

***Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award:*** Three people were nominated for the Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award and the committee judged all three as excelling in undergraduate teaching practices. Further, the three nominees represented all three of the UWM campuses.

In past years, the committee would review nomination materials and several committee members would talk with the nominee and observe a class. With the limitations of Covid-19 and primarily online delivery, the committee this year unanimously decided that instead of observations, we would all meet as a group with the nominee, allow them to share information on their teaching philosophy and pedagogical practices, and each ask a teaching related question. This process worked well and may be considered as an option to continue in the future depending on the number of nominations.

The committee evaluated each candidate on 1-3 scale and made their recommendations to the UWM Chancellor Mark Mone and the Secretary of the University, the Provost and the committee members were copied on this letter. Chancellor Mone's office notified award winners.

***UW System Regents Teaching Excellence Award:*** Unfortunately, despite sending out several announcements, no nominations were made for the UW System Regents Teaching Excellence Award. Next year, it may be beneficial to contact Deans or Department heads to encourage submissions.

***Distinguished University Service Award:*** Five people were nominated for the Distinguished University Service Award. The committee reviewed the nomination packets independently and indicated if the nominee was deserving of the award (yes/no), then ranked the nominees in order of merit. The committee recommended the top three nominees to UWM Chancellor Mark Mone and the Secretary of the University, the Provost and the committee members were copied on this letter. Chancellor Mone's office notified award winners.

***Distinguished Public Service Award:*** One nomination was made for the Distinguished Public Service Award. This nomination was for a collaborative project that included three UWM faculty as one nomination. The committee reviewed the nomination packet independently and indicated if the nominee was deserving of the award (yes/no). The committee recommended the nominee to UWM Chancellor Mark Mone and the Secretary of the University for the award, the Provost and the committee members were copied on this letter. Chancellor Mone's office notified the award winner.

Respectfully submitted,



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