

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE
Monday, November 1, 2021, 3:30pm Central Standard Time - TEAMS
Minutes

I. Call to Order at 3:30pm. Present: Sarah Riforgiate, Simone Linhares Ferro, Jeana Holt, Jonathan D. Kahl, Angela Piehl and Gabriel Rei-Doval.

II. Minutes of the September 10, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved 6-0-0

III. Introductions. Present members introduced themselves to the whole Committee.

IV. New Business

- A. Discuss nominations and the evaluation process for the UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (deadline October 22, 2021) and determine observation schedule.

Jonathan reported how Committee members observed candidates before Covid-times. Different Committee members expressed their preferences on how to proceed with applicants, in particular in regards to observing face-to-face classes vs. meeting with them to discuss their teaching. Different Committee members suggested having a brief discussion with the applicant in the fifteen minutes before or after the observed class. Paper documents will be also taken as additional information to consider the evaluation and ranking of candidates. It was mentioned that historically three people were recommended for this award to the Provost office.

Categories on items/sections to be observed will be created considering suggestions from Committee members; all this will be compiled in an online document. Questions asked last year will also be shared with all Committee members. Sarah will create and share a spreadsheet and, as Committee chair, will contact nominees to enquire on their availability for class observations this or next semester. All Committee members will conduct three observations for this award.

- B. Discuss nominations for the Regents Teaching Excellence Award

No nominations were received for this Award so far from UWM employees. Ideas on how to be more successful in future editions of this award were raised by committee members. Jonathan suggested this award being announced in the chairs and directors meeting at the beginning of the semester. Jeana mentioned encouraging recipients of previous campus awards to apply for this Regions level Teaching award.

- C. Set additional Spring semester meeting dates (2) to discuss:

1. The UWM Distinguished University Service Award and UWM Distinguished University Public Service Award (deadline April 1, 2022)
2. The UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (decide in April 2021)

Next meeting will take place in the Spring. Sarah will be contacting Committee members over the winter break to schedule such meeting.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Gabriel Rei-Doval