

Academic Staff Awards Committee
2022-2023 Annual Report

Members

Emily Kuhnen (2020-2023; Chair 22-23)
Alissa Mathison (2021-2024)
Kimberly Ryan (2022-2025)
Jessica Schuld (2022-2025; Secretary 22-23)
Rosemary Stelzer (2020-2023)

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 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

- i. 9/22/2022: Introduced members, voted for secretary, reviewed committee bylaws, reviewed award applications, and made changes, scheduled future meetings.
- ii. 11/17/2022: Regents' Teaching Excellence Award meeting canceled (no submissions)
- iii. 2/16/2023: Met for Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Awards submission; recommended approval / moving nomination to system level.
- iv. 5/2/2023: Met to review UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Teaching and Performance & Service Awards.
- v. 6/9/2023: Met to review the UWM Academic Staff Group and Individual Professional Development Awards; determined recipients and award amounts for professional development awards, and finalized recipients of Outstanding awards.
- vi. 6/12/2023: Met to draft committee wrap-up notes, discuss potential changes to future processes; vote for chair and secretary for upcoming term.

Minutes

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

Major accomplishments and actions

The Academic Staff Awards committee did not receive any UWM submissions for the Regents' Teaching Excellence Award and received only one submission for the Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Award, though it was a very strong submission and the committee recommended it be moved to UW System for consideration. The committee was pleased that the combined budget for UWM-specific awards was set at \$30,000 for the second year in a row. We were able to award two Outstanding Teaching and two Outstanding Performance and Service Awards

totaling \$6,000 and \$24,000 in professional development award funds. We had a smaller submission pool for the Outstanding Awards and a larger number of submissions for the Professional Development Awards than the previous year, so the committee felt it was appropriate to allocate funds in this manner.

Professional Development Awards 2022-2023 (Nominations due April 28, 2023; Reviewed at June 9, 2023 meeting)

- We received 8 group award applications and 17 individual award applications, totaling \$49,029.99 in requested funds. We awarded 6 group awards and 9 individual awards for a total of \$24,000.
- Recipients will be notified in June 2023.

UW System Regents' Teaching Excellence Award 2023 (Nominations due November 4 2022; no submissions)

UW System Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Award 2023 (Nominations due February 13, 2023; Reviewed and voted on February 16, 2023)

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

UWM Outstanding Teaching Award 2023 (Nominations due March 31, 2023; Reviewed at May 3, 2023 meeting)

- Two candidates were submitted for consideration; four applications were received.
- Awardees will be announced and recognized at the 2023 Award Ceremony.

UWM Outstanding Performance and Service Award 2023 (Nominations due March 31, 2023; Reviewed at May 3, 2023 meeting)

- Two candidates were submitted for consideration; four applications were received.
- Awardees will be announced and recognized at the 2023 Award Ceremony.

Communications

- Announced calls for nominations and submissions via Secretary of University's email to Academic Staff.

Membership

Georgia Brown and Erin O'Connell will join the committee for a three-year term (2023-2026). Jessica Schuld will be Chair and TBA will be Secretary for the 2023-2024 academic year. Respectfully submitted by Emily Kuhnen (Chair, Academic Staff Awards Committee).