

## **Academic Staff Awards Committee 2023-2024 Annual Report**

### **Members**

Georgia Brown (2023-2026)  
Alissa Mathison (2021-2024)  
Kimberly Ryan (2022-2025)  
Erin O'Connell (2023-2026; Secretary 23-24)  
Jessica Schuld (2022-2025; Chair 23-24)

### **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**

- 9/18/2023: Introduced members, voted for secretary, reviewed committee bylaws, reviewed award applications, and made clarifying changes, scheduled future meetings.
- 2/14/2024: Discussed changes to the budget from the Provosts Office, Reviewed 2024 Regents Academic Excellence Awards individual and program, rescheduled future meeting times.
- 5/13/2024: Met to review UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Teaching and Performance & Service Awards.
- 5/28/2024: 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.
- 5/30/2024: 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 two submissions for the Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Award, one individual and one group. They were both very strong submission, and

the committee recommended they be moved to UW System for consideration. The budget from the Provost's Office for Professional Development awards was set at \$15,000.

**UW System Regents' Teaching Excellence Award 2024** (no submissions)

**UW System Regents' Academic Staff Excellence Award 2024** (Nominations due February 12, 2024; Reviewed and voted on February 14, 2024)

- We received two nominations (individual and group); both were moved forward to the Regents.
- Regents will determine awardees at the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board of Regents meeting.

**Outstanding Teaching Award** (Nominations due April 8, 2024; Reviewed on May 13, 2024 meeting)

- Three candidates were submitted for consideration; seven applications were received.
- Awardees will be announced and recognized at the 2024 Awards Ceremony.

**Outstanding Performance and Service Awards** (Nominations due April 8, 2024; Reviewed at May 13, 2024 meeting)

- Three candidates were submitted for consideration; nine applications were received.
- Awardees will be announced and recognized at the 2024 Awards Ceremony.

**Professional Development Awards 2023-2024** (Nominations due May 13, 2024; Reviewed at May 28, 2024 meeting)

- We received six group award applications and 18 individual award applications, totaling \$44,370.83 in requested funds. We awarded two group awards and nine individual awards for a total of \$15,000.
- Recipients were notified June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Communications**

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

**Membership**

After serving one year on the committee, Erin O'Connell will not join the committee in the next term. Due to the closing of the Waukesha campus, Erin's contract was not renewed, and we will need a replacement for her. Sara Luellhoff will join the committee for a three-year term (2024-2027). Georgia Brown will serve as Secretary for the 2024-2025 academic year and Jessica Schuld will serve a second year as Chair for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Schuld.