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PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 04, 2011 meeting

Members Present Karen Aroian, Michael Caputo, Paul Dombrowski, Ahmad Elshennawy, Rich Gause, Mary Little, H.G. Parsa, Max Poole, Harry Weger

Recorder Tara Johnson

Staff Members Pam Hanson-Phillips

Members not present: Patrick LiKamWa, Debopam Chakrabarti, Patricia Bishop

Welcome and call to order: Dr. Paul Dombrowski called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

The minutes from the January 28th meeting were approved by the committee.

Dr. Poole discussed the upcoming committee meetings and how the review of the programs would take place. The committee decided to have an extended meeting on April 8th. Richard Gause recommended that a library resource review should also be done along with each program review. An evaluation of the lessons learned from this batch of program reviews was also recommended to take place at the last meeting of the semester to help the next committee review programs in the following years.

The committee then reviewed the nominations for the student and faculty awards. The committee was given the nominees' entries prior to their meeting along with a criteria sheet to rate the nominees. Ratings were then received from the committee members prior to the meeting and the results displayed to facilitate discussion.

Faculty Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award – After much discussion between the top contenders, Dr. Gonzalez was selected to receive the award. There was much discussion between the top two contenders. Dr. Gonzalez was chosen as the winner by a 6-2 vote of the committee.

Award for Excellence by a Graduate Teaching Assistant- Aaron Muth was voted on unanimously as the winner for this award.

Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching – Timothy Coyle was voted on unanimously as winner for this award.

Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis – There was a close ranking score from the committee between the top two contenders. After much discussion, the committee voted Kathryn Windes unanimously as the winner of this award.

Award for Outstanding Dissertation – Carlos Toro was voted on unanimously as winner for this award.

Award for Innovative Thesis or Dissertation – This award only received one nomination. After much discussion, the committee voted to not give out this award this year. The committee discussed revising the criteria and communication of this award as they felt that the description was not clear enough.

It was also noted that, for the sake of clarity during group discussions, members should ensure that the correct data for their inputs are submitted to Graduate Studies staff before our meetings. In the event that data cannot be input beforehand, the data should be provided to GS staff as early as possible at the beginning of the meeting. This will ensure that we are all operating on the data set.

The committee reviewed four faculty members from Studio Art and the Computer since the committee received information about graduate involvement that was missing on their CVs. The committee voted to recommend appointment of a Full Graduate Faculty member and an Associate Graduate Faculty member. The committee did not recommend Graduate Faculty appointment for two faculty members because of their lack of graduate education involvement.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.