

Graduate Council Program Review Committee

February 9, 2024 • 9:30 am • Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Reid Oetjen (CCIE), Mehdi Razavi (COM), Daniel Marien (COS), Sara Lopez (CBA), Chris Crowder (GSA), Ahmad Elshennawy (CECS), Gerd Bruder (CGS), John Weishampel (CGS Liaison)

Recorder: Emily Stettner

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40am by committee chair Reid Oetjen.

General Business

The committee is tasked with reviewing a batch of graduate faculty and scholar renominations from the Physics department. The committee voted to review these nominations at the March 8th meeting. Members volunteered to be main reviewers.

The committee discussed language updates for the Outstanding Creative Work award. The committee decided that all work submitted for this award must have been completed while a student at UCF. Language will be presented to the committee for approval.

The committee has suggestions on the format of the teaching evaluation criteria for the University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching. The feedback will be forwarded to Faculty Excellence.

Awards

The committee members reviewed the nominations for graduate student and faculty awards: Award for Outstanding Creative Work, Award for Outstanding Dissertation, Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis, Award for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Doctoral Students, Award for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Postdoctoral Scholars, and the University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching. The committee members were provided with the nominees' entries prior to the meeting along with a criteria sheet to rate the nominees. Ratings were received from the committee members prior to the meeting and compiled by Emily Stettner. The results were displayed to facilitate discussion.

Discussions were held for each award category regarding criteria and the rankings. The final votes were recorded and the committee approved University winners for each of the awards.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25am. The next meeting will be February 23rd via Zoom.