

Faculty Senate Teaching Council
Minutes
March 8, 2006

Attendees: Burman, Cook, Craig, Garrett, Heitmann, Hendrix, Hughes, Jennings, Lane Marshall, Hess

I. This meeting was held primarily to finalize selections for the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching and Advising awards.

II. There was general agreement that there were many qualified individuals in the finalist pool. Based on preliminary rankings by council members, there were three general groups of finalists. The first two groups, consisting of seven individuals were discussed. Classroom observers made additional comments regarding their observation of these individuals and there was a final adjustment made in the ranking list.

III. In reviewing the strength of the finalists at this point, there was a clear distinction between the top 5 tenure or tenure-track individuals and there was a clear top candidate among the four other finalists. These individuals will be submitted to the Chancellor's office for approval as awardees.

IV. Suggestions for 2006-07

- a. Dr. Lane suggested working toward a completely online submission and review of documents for these awards. SAIS information, and any other supporting information, would have to be in a word or PDF document for submission. This would save a lot of staff time and minimizes delays in the review process. Several others agreed.
- b. Dr. Cook supported strict page limits on the amount of material submitted. Dr. Cook, Dr. Hughes and others agreed that comments were not needed along with SAIS summaries.
- c. Dr. Lane also suggested strict adherence to deadlines to speed the process.
- d. Dr. Jennings brought up the difficulty in ranking so many qualified candidates and suggested using a 1 to 10 scoring system. The scoring system would distinguish the strongest candidates in the aggregate as well. This should be a good way to proceed, at least with the selection of finalists next year.