SUNY OLD WESTBURY

The Faculty University Awards Committee
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RE: The Faculty University Awards Committee (FUAC) – 2020-2021 Annual Report

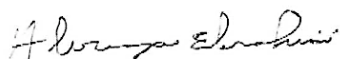During the 2020-2021 academic year, the FUAC completed the following work:

1) We acknowledge the collaborative work of the following committee members (Ali Ebrahimi, Lorenz S. Neuwirth, Laura Anker, Lisa Whitten, Thomas Lilly, Lorraine Todisco, Dana Tomlin, Barbara Hillery, Janay Jackson,) and subcommittee members for reviewing professional staff files as per SUNY Policies (Ali Ebrahimi, Barbara Hillery, Betty Barberi, Stacey DeFelice, Gerardo Espinal, Edward Bever, & Lorraine Todisco).

2) The FUAC met 14 times during the 2020-2021 academic year.

3) Reviewed a 7 nomination portfolios to be considered for the SUNY Distinguished Ranks and the SUNY Chancellor's Awards in Excellence: Distinguished Professor (1), Distinguished Service Professor (1), Excellence in Teaching (3), Excellence in Scholarship And Creative Activities (1), Excellence in Professional Service (1).There were no nominations for the Adjunct Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Librarianship, nor the Shared Governance Awards. Of these 7 nomination portfolios, 1 Distinguished Service Professor, 2 Excellence in Teaching, 1 Excellence in Scholarship And Creative Activities, and 1 in Excellence in Professional Service were supported and sent forth to the College administration for deliberation and submission to SUNY-level administrators. Of these 5 nominee's portfolios that were put forward by the FUAC, all were submitted to SUNY-level administration and were awarded.

4) The FUAC developed early and late semester notification systems of the award timelines for the College to increase awareness, transparency, and knowledge of the deadlines for submitting nomination portfolios. In addition, the transparent communication regarding the confidentiality of the nomination portfolios was made clear that once a nominee's portfolio is submitted, they will hear back from either SUNY if awarded (i.e., later Spring of each year). If they were not awarded, they would receive constructive feedback from the FUAC (i.e., after the official SUNY awardee announcements have been made) to support their efforts in a subsequent re-submission if they so choose.

5) The FUAC adopted the Interfolio system for the submission of nominee's portfolios similar to the procedures of the Academic, Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure (ARPT) Committee. This will continue to be the way that nomination portfolios are submitted moving forward.

6) The FUAC developed new internal processes and procedures for reviewing, internally scoring (i.e., for the FUAC use only), and deliberating on all nomination portfolios. These processes and procedures were developed to best align with the SUNY-system evaluation

criteria to make the review and deliberation of nominee's more streamlined, as well as, increasing a complete package for SUNY-level administrative deliberations on each nominee that is put forward by the College President/Officer-in-Charge.

7) The FUAC also increased its communication with SUNY-level administration to debunk any myths, misconceptions, and ensure accuracy of statements regarding eligibility criteria for the campus community members to be made aware of if they decide to put a nomination portfolio together. For example, faculty at the rank of Full Professor are eligible to be nominated for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. There was a prior misconception, that if faculty reach the rank of Full Professor that they are ineligible to be nominated.

8) In consultation with SUNY-level administration, all historical and chronological records of past Chancellor's Awards for Excellence and Distinguish Ranks were researched and corrected. The FUAC found many errors in the awards of past recipients and some awardees were not reflected in the SUNY-level records. These records were corrected, archived in the FUAC, and submitted to the College President to forward to the SUNY-level administration for clerical correction, updating, and archiving. Thus, from 1965-2021, all awardee records are now accurate and these recorded match between SUNY-OW and the SUNY-level administration.

9) The FUAC worked to increase more equity, inclusion, and diversity of its membership with respect to its roles in evaluating a wide-range of nominees to provide a more broad and fair review of all nominee's portfolios.

10) Consistent with the last point, the FUAC updated its By-laws and has sent their revisions to the By-laws Committee for consultation, review, and feedback. It is anticipated that in the Fall 21 semester, the By-laws Committee will then hold two town halls to solicit faculty input and feedback to these revisions, prior to the final draft of the FUAC By-laws being sent to the Faculty Senate for introduction, review, discussion, and subsequent voting.

11) The FUAC also consulted with the Faculty Senate Chair and administration to develop more avenues for highlighting faculty that earn these awards such as but not limited to: a College webpage dedicated to all the awardees along with photos and short bios, pictures and short bios displayed on campus through picture frames or digital media TV slideshow advertisements, potential financial compensation if/when funds permit or to develop a dedicated funding source for establishing and sustaining such an incentive, etc.).

The FUAC annual report evidences a large amount of work that the committee had undertaken during the 2020-2021 academic year in a collegial and transparent effort to support the faculty and staff of SUNY-OW to be recognized for all the important work that they do in raising the profile of the College.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Dinorah Martinez

Part I: Recognition and Chronological Record of Distinguished Faculty from SUNY-OW

Distinguished Librarians
None to date.

Distinguished Professors
None to date.

Distinguished Service Professors
2021 Fred Millán
2009 Minna Barrett
2008 Laura Anker
1999 Sachi G. Dastidar
1990 Jong P. Lee
1989 Henry Teoh

Distinguished Teaching Professors
2014 Rita Colon-Urban
2010 Mac Adams
2004 Rosalyn F. Baxandall
2002 Joseph M. Conforti
1998 Jesse Fernandez
1997 Barry R. Armandi
1996 Onita Estes-Hicks
1993 Elizabeth Ewen
1992 Emillia Doyaga
1991 Michael Leung
1990 Robert Hoyte
1989 George Stefano
1981 Council S. Taylor
1980 Samuel Von Winbush
1977 Albert Rabil

Medallion of Distinction
None to date.

Part II: Chancellor's Awards in Excellence Chronological Records

Excellence in Shared Governance
None to date.

Excellence in Adjunct Teaching
2020 Arthur Samansky
2015 Victor Visconti

Excellence in Teaching
2021 Jennie D'Ambroise
2021 Marty A. Cooper
2020 Thomas J. Lilly, Jr.
2020 Lorenz S. Neuwirth
2013 Jermaine Archer
2013 Carolyn Cocca
2011 Geta Techanie
2007 Duncan Quarless
2004 Barbara Hillery
2003 Martha Livingston
2002 Fred Millán
2000 Eileen Landy
1999 Lynn D. Walsh
1997 Stephen Duncombe
1996 Barbara Olsen
1995 Lisa Whitten
1994 Alireza Ebrahimi
1993 Gilda Zwerman
1993 Karlyn Wood
1992 Thomas Delgiudice
1991 Rita Colon-Urban
1990 Richard Harper
1990 Harry Williamson
1989 Laura Anker
1989 Carol Wurster
1988 Rita Buttermilch
1988 Maureen Dolan
1986 Jay Harper
1986 Christine Griffin
1981 George Rabatin
1981 Michael Lueng
1980 Alice Carse
1978 Joan Prenderville
1977 Patrick O'Sullivan
1977 Elizabeth Ewen
1976 Albert Rabil

1976 Rosalyn F. Baxandall

Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
2021 James Fornaro
2006 Alireza Ebrahimi

Excellence in Professional Service/Excellence in Classified Service
2021 Rafat Sada
2020 Lorraine Todisco
2018 Annette Johnson
2015 Marianne Morea
2014 Particia Smith
2013 Pamela Smith
2012 Regina Rudowski
2011 Lois Stergiopoulos
2010 Mary D'Antionio
2009 Julie Sweeney
1992 Robert Dranoff
1980 Gerard Weber
1980 Lynn Meskill
1977 Shelia Reilly

Excellence in Librarianship
1991 Stephen Kirtpatrick