

Faculty Senate
Honorary Degree & Awards Committee
Tuesday, November 12, 2012
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

In Attendance: Luda Dolinsky, Lori Driver, Lilliam Martinez Bustos, Lynne Miller, Richard Palmer, Karen Paul, Darden Pyron, Donald Rosellini
Absent: Kinzy Jones, Jose R. Lopez, Michelle Odai, Angie Ortega Fridman
Guest: Damaris Valdes

- I. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the October 25, 2012 Meeting. – Approved
- III. Action and Discussion
 - A. Approve the award descriptions
 1. Excellence in Advising and Mentorship
 - a. Additions/Deletions
 - i. Omit the word graduate from award title.
 - ii. B.1. – remove the word graduate
 - iii. D.2. – replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”. Replace graduate teaching with advising/mentorship.
 - iv. D.3. - remove the word graduate
 - v. D.4. - replace undergraduate instructor with advisor/mentor
 2. Excellence in Engagement
 - a. Additions/Deletions
 - i. Definition – In distinction to the recognition for Service, this award recognizes excellence in the university’s “Engagement Initiative Program”, which is defined as a formal collaboration between the faculty and a local, regional, or global community partner. This award recognizes the interplay among teaching, research and student learning. One award will be given.
 - ii. B.1. - remove the word graduate
 - iii. D.2. - replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”.
 - iv. D.3. - replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”. Capitalize the “I” in Initiative
 3. Excellence in Librarianship
 - a. Additions/Deletions
 - i. Definition – This award recognizes excellence in any field of library services. One award will be given.
 - ii. D.2. - replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”.
 4. Excellence in Research and Creative Activities
 - a. Additions/Deletions
 - i. Definition – This award recognizes excellence in scholarly achievement or artistic/literary accomplishment. Six awards will be given.
 - ii. B.1. – remove the wording “and librarians”
 - iii. D.2. - replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”.

- iv. D.3. – inclusion of language: with brief notation, where relevant, of the importance of these venues at the end of the first sentence.
 - v. D.5. – The file might also contain as many as five reviews or notices that confirm merit of the nominee’s work.
- 5. Excellence in Service
 - a. Additions/Deletions
 - i. Definition – This award recognizes excellence in service in any one or more categories: 1) department/college; 2) university; 3) professional; 4) community- local, national, and international. One award will be given.
 - ii. B.1. - remove the wording “and librarians”
 - iii. D.2. - replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”.
 - iv. D.4. - inclusion of language: with brief notation, where relevant, of the importance or significance of this service at the end of the first sentence.
- 6. Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
 - a. Additions/Deletions
 - i. Definition – This award recognizes excellence in teaching. Six awards will be given.
 - ii. B.1. - remove the wording “and librarians”
 - iii. D.2. - replace the wording “200-300 word statement” with “up to 500 word statement”. Remove the word graduate.
 - iv. D.3. – A list of student names, dissertation/thesis titles and dates of student completion while at FIU with any honors those students have won; summaries, where relevant, of accomplishments of present or past students.
 - v. D.4. – The file should contain three to five letters of support that speak directly to the candidate’s merit as an instructor.
 - vi. D.5.b. – Damaris to provide formal name for university summaries
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 - viii. D.5.e. – included in language of D.3.
 - B. Set award timeline/future meeting dates
 - 1. Announcement to University to be sent out by December 1st.
 - 2. Accepting nominations up to February 1st.
 - 3. Deadline is February 15th.
 - 4. The committee will meet after the February 15th deadline to discuss voting method.
- IV. Unfinished business

Vote on Honorary Degree Nomination: Dr. Marie V. McDemmond
Damaris will send out nomination through email. The committee members will send her a vote in favor or against the nomination.
- V. New business
 - A. The committee has been tasked to think about what we can do to ease the burden of reviewing files. Idea brought forth that colleges should pre-screen applicants before forwarding to HDAC. This will be an agenda topic next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.