

MVCC COLLEGE SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Name of Committee: Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award

Academic Year: 2010-2011

Committee Chairperson's Name: Catherine Glod

Names of Committee Members:

- John Yonkers
- George Goerner
- Margaret Reilly
- Shahida Dar
- Larry Migliori
- Heather Ryerson (Student member)

Committee Charge:

Purpose Statement: The purpose of the Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Committee is to insure that the nomination, selection, recommendation, and documentation process are carried out annually in a timely and effective manner.

Charter Sponsor: College Senate

Charter Contact: Exec. Director—Org. Development

Number of Meetings: 2 virtual

Summary of Committee Meetings:

- The purpose of the first meeting was to thank everyone for agreeing to serve and to let members know that none of the candidates that were nominated met the minimum qualifications for the award. This was due to the fact that the minimum required 6 semesters service was not included as a requirement on the nomination form. The Chair consulted with John Bullis and Sue Smith on multiple occasions and it was determined that the wrong criteria were posted to the site for this award.
- The purpose of the second meeting was to ask members to vote on a proposal to change the criteria for the award (as provided to the Committee) to mirror the criteria for the award and to make the 6 semester requirement visible. Members voted in favor of the two changes and suggested a third. This was approved in discussions with John Bullis and David Katz. The three changes are:
 - Make the 6 semester minimum criteria clearly visible,
 - Change the Nomination form criteria to mirror the criteria that the Committee has been directed to use for selecting a winner, and
 - Remove the Gen Ed Assessment criteria as this is not an activity that adjuncts have equal opportunity to participate in.
- It was very disheartening not to be able to make an award this year, especially because of the problems with the form and the high number of nominations submitted. Three adjuncts were nominated. One receiving on nomination (from a staff member); one receiving 3 nominations (from students) and one receiving 30 nominations (from students). As a result of the problems, the Chair responded to every nomination and explained that no award would be given because of the failure of any candidate to meet the 6 semester criteria. The Chair also communicated this to each of the nominees and to their Deans.

Recommendations for College Senate Action:

In addition to being disheartening for the members of the Committee, it is unfortunate that we had to disappoint the 34 people (mostly students) that made the effort to submit nominations this year. In my tenure on this Committee, we have never had such high participation by students and I believe that is a wonderful. Now that the forms have been fixed and the criteria are in place for next year, I do not have any recommendations except to be sure that these links all be tested every year. I would also like to encourage student involvement in this Award by having the Senate send an allstudent email next year when nominations for all awards are announced. I would also like to thank John for taking my concerns and suggestions seriously and for acting so promptly to rectify the error.

Submitted by: Catherine Glod

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