

**University Programs & Awards Committee  
SUNY University Faculty Senate**

**Plenary Meeting  
October 2008  
SUNY Potsdam**

The Awards Committee met at the September Planning Meeting in Syracuse to lay out the year's plans, outlined below.

Members & Liaisons:

- Continuing:
  - Sandra D. Michael (chair), Binghamton
  - Valentin Brimkov, Buffalo State
  - Karen Bromley, Binghamton
  - Iris Cook, Westchester CC
  - Kulathur Rajasethupathy, Brockport
  - Nand Relan, Stony Brook
  - Alfred Stamm, Oswego
- New Appointments:
  - Renata Barneva, Fredonia
  - Larry Labinski, U Buffalo
  - Linda Hamell, ESC
  - Danniell Marrone, Farmingdale
  - Jack Termine, Downstate Medical
- System Liaisons:
  - Robert, Kraushaar, Chancellor's Awards & Distinguished Professorships
  - Catherine Regan, Conversations in the Disciplines

Conversations in the Disciplines:

- Our main activities in this regard will involve continued refinements for online submission and review of proposals. Last year we added a trial mechanism to attempt to equalize scores across reviewers (individuals often review in a range at variance to others of the group). Returning members of the group thought that this was helpful last year so there is a subcommittee discussing how best to continue this practice with a view toward incorporating it into our current reviewer's portion of the CID website.
- Our current website was created and is maintained by Kulathur Rajasethupathy of Brockport. Although our goal is to migrate the site to System Administration for maintenance and upkeep, for a variety of reasons the Committee believes the time is not right for transferring the site.
- At the June 2008 meeting, the Committee unanimously passed a resolution directing Chair Michael and Liaison Regan to write a letter to the President of Brockport commending Dr. Rajasethupathy for all his efforts on behalf of the CID work of the Committee. Letter Sent.

Chancellor's Excellence Awards:

- The Committee will continue to discuss several issues, foremost of which is the topic of Awards for those with qualified academic rank (e.g., adjunct, visiting, research, clinical professors, among others). Since their inception, these Awards have been only for full-time tenured or

- Following an inquiry, we sought advice from The Council of the SUNY Librarians Association. They advised retention of the current criteria for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. The general feeling was that since the Board of Trustees of SUNY had granted faculty status to librarians in 1968, and since many faculty, staff, and administrators often do not recognize that librarians in SUNY have faculty status, the Association wants to reinforce the fact of faculty status for librarians. Thus, individuals with an MLS, but without faculty status, should continue to be nominated in the Professional Service category.
- Transmittal forms will be revised with a view to ensuring those nominated by a campus are indeed eligible.
- Chair Michael reported on the progress of CSEA to create an Award for their bargaining unit.

#### Distinguished Faculty Ranks:

- An ongoing issue has been whether it should be possible to hold multiple distinguished ranks. A resolution was developed to come before the Potsdam plenary (see attached).
- A recurring issue has been the relationship between the Chancellor's Award and the related distinguished faculty rank. Of concern is that it is not always clear how an individual exceeds the Award criteria to merit promotion. The Committee will seek to strengthen the distinction and criteria in the distinguished faculty rank guidelines.
- The Committee also wants to determine the dispatch of nominations following peer review at the System level. Mainly, do the nominations go forward to the Board of Trustees if there is mixed recommendation or non-concurrence from the peer reviewers. Relevant summary statistics are sought.
- The Committee will also study presidential prerogative in relationship to on-campus review procedures.
- The transmittal forms will be reviewed with the goal of ensuring that campuses adhere to all aspects of the guidelines.
- Chair Michael will be a member of a committee formed by Liaison Kraushaar to consider various aspects of the System-level peer review process.

At this time the Committee has planned two teleconferences (November 19, 2008; March 20, 2009) and a CID review panel meeting at Binghamton (May 8, 2009.)