



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
University Teaching Awards Committee (Adjudication)
Approved Open Session Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2014
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Elisabeth Le	Chair, Academic Staff
Brenda Cameron	Vice-Chair, Academic Staff
Leanne Garon	Member, U of A Alumni Association Representative
Uwe Hacke	Member, Academic Staff
Melissa Hartley	Member, Academic Staff
Jasmin Hirschberg	Member, Graduate Student-at-large
Jenna Lee	Member, Undergraduate Student-at-large
Lorne Parker	Member, U of A Alumni Association Representative
Fahim Rahman	Member, Undergraduate Student-at-large
Lorenz Sigurdson	Member, Academic Staff

Presenter(s):

Elisabeth Le Professor, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies, Arts, University of Alberta, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Motion: Cameron/Sigurdson

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 7, 2014

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Motion: Lee/Rahman

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Minutes of March 7, 2014.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of relevant items to members.

During the lengthy discussion surrounding these items, members provided a number of comments and questions including, but not limited to: clarification surrounding incomplete applications; suggestions for improving the initial eligibility screening of applications; consideration of applicants who have been recently awarded with other major teaching awards; clarification surrounding voting procedures; a suggestion to add a category to one of the awards.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Adjudication of the 2014 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council (GFC), the 2014 Rutherford Award(s) for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2014 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Lee/Parker

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from GFC, award the 2014 Rutherford Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

Annalise Acorn, Faculty of Law
Dennis Sweeney, Faculty of Arts
Jonathan White, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
David W. Chorney, Faculty of Education
Sandra Nicholls, Faculty of Arts
Ronald W. Damant, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

CARRIED

5. Adjudication of the 2014 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council (GFC), the 2014 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2014 William Hardy Alexander Award(s) for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Cameron/Lee

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority of GFC, award the 2014 William Hardy Alexander Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

Joanna Auger, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
Royden Mills, Faculty of Arts
Junaid bin Jahangir, Faculty of Arts
Yoram Apelblat, Faculty of Science
Cristina Stasia, Faculty of Arts

CARRIED

6. Adjudication of the 2014 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the 2014 Provost's Award(s) for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2014 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Lee/Garon

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from GFC, award the 2014 Provost's Awards for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

Ashwin Iyer, Faculty of Engineering
Micah True, Faculty of Arts

John Davis, Faculty of Science

CARRIED

7. Adjudication of the 2014 Teaching Unit Award

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the 2014 Teaching Unit Award.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2014 Teaching Unit Award.

There was a discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Hacke/Rahman

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from GFC, award the 2014 Teaching Unit Award to:

Drama BFA Acting Teaching Unit, Faculty of Arts

CARRIED

8. Adjudication of the 2014 Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the 2014 Award(s) for Excellence in Graduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2014 Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Parker/Lee

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from GFC, award the 2014 Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching to:

Gian S. Jhangri, School of Public Health
Kevin Haggerty, Faculty of Arts
Marvin Washington, Faculty of Business

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Debrief

There were no documents.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

Dr Le discussed the Teaching Unit Award Procedure in the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL), noting that currently, the procedure outlines the consideration of either a coordinated course or team teaching project on alternate years. She invited members to discuss possible amendments to the procedure, in order to provide more clarity to the wording and intent of the procedure.

Members expressed a number of comments and questions in relation to this topic, including, but not limited to: concerns about limiting the scope of eligibility; concerns that making amendments might discourage applicants; clarification regarding the historical context of offering different awards on a staggered annual basis; whether ineligibility is a recurring problem in relation to this procedure; a suggestion to consider each category on an annual basis; whether ineligible applications could be automatically accepted for the following year.

10. Question Period

A member sought clarification regarding addressees of the letters of recommendation contained within applications.

A member suggested that all applications should be screened thoroughly prior to adjudication.

A member commented on the difficulty in adjudicating certain awards.

The Chair thanked departing student members of GFC UTAC for their participation and engagement on the Committee.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

- GFC UTAC [CONFIDENTIAL] - Distribution of the Documents and Nomination Packages for the April 11, 2014 Adjudication Meeting of the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)[E-Mailed on March 17, 2014]

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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