

## Distinguished Teacher Award Committee

Minutes by Michael Keating

Date: March 4, 2008

5 PM

Place: Jack W Bennett Conference Room, Pennock 410

Present: Ferdowsi, Sanderson, Zentz, McGowan, Hanna, Wancour, Keating (chair)

Absent: Dakkuri (excused – sabbatical leave)

Sandwiches (chicken for a change) and drinks were provided for this meeting - also extra water and cookies were provided for the committee and in the optometry faculty lounge for the candidates coming for the interview.

The Chair had previously decided the order of the interviews by drawing out of a hat.

Each interview was one half hour in length with a 10 minute break between each interview.

At the conclusion of the interviews, the committee stayed to make the final choice of the person to receive the distinguished teacher award.

The final vote was by written ballot where each committee member anonymously rank ordered the four finalists and gave their ordering to the chair. After receiving all rankings, the chair tallied the rankings on a white board (with the committee attentively making sure that the tallies were correct).

The tallies showed a clear overall preference for the person to receive the 2007-2008 distinguished teacher award.

The chair will notify the finalists of the results, as well as the Academic Senate office. The committee also instructed the chair to make sure that the finalists also receive public recognition and a plaque at the end of the academic year award ceremonies.

PS. The interview questions used in this year's process are attached.

Distinguished Teacher Finalist Interview Questions for Tuesday March 4, 2008

1. What is your greatest strength as a teacher?
2. Explain how you adapt your teaching to meet individual needs of your students?
3. How do you keep your students engaged in the classroom?
4. What is the greatest challenge you face as a teacher?
5. In what way do your professional activities affect your teaching?
6. What is it about your teaching that justifies your being considered as a distinguished teacher?
7. Is there anything else you would like to share with the committee?