

Final Report
Distinguished Teacher Award Committee (DTAC)
Academic Year 2020-2021

Committee Members (College)

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| Mark Dyke (CET) | Heather Symon Bassett (L/C) |
| Dan Meyers (CET) Co-Chair | Evan Watts (CAS) |
| Gary Moore II (CHP) | Andrew Wiltshire (SR) |
| Gregg Potter (PHR) Co-Chair | |

Committee charge

The committee selects the teacher or two teachers who will receive the Teacher of the Year Award(s).

Committee Actions in 2020-21

- The Committee first met on November 10th 2020 to select co-chairs, review the award process, and establish a timeline for committee activities. A Canvas course shell was created to organize and share committee materials.
- The Committee sent out University Wide notices to faculty announcing a call for nominations for the award.
- Nominations for the Distinguished Teacher Award were low due to COVID-19 and the deadline was extended until January 15th, 2021. The Committee was pleased to receive enough nominations of eligible candidates by that time for the 2020-2021 award.
- Nominees received application forms from the Academic Senate Office and were encouraged to apply by March 12th 2021.
- Committee members independently completed an evaluation of each application packet utilizing a standard rubric. The Committee met on March 22nd, 2021 to discuss applications.
 - In place of classroom visits this year, each nominee was asked to submit recorded examples of their instruction for the committee members to review.
- The Committee conducted Interviews with the three finalists on April 1st 2021. A committee meeting immediately following the interviews was conducted to select the awardee for 2020-2021.
- The Committee Co-Chairs submitted the name of the selected awardee to the President's Office on April 2nd 2021.
- President Eisler notified Dr. Patrick Bishop of his Award soon thereafter.
- Dr. Bishop was recognized at the Employee Service Awards Ceremony virtually on April 21st, 2021.

Recommendations to the Senate

1. The DTAC recommended unanimously to extend the term of committee membership from 2 years to 3 years similar to other University Senate committees.
2. The DTAC recommended unanimously to revise the language in the Nominee Application Form. This involves lowering the percent teaching requirement for tenured faculty members to be nominated. The Committee recommends lowering the teaching requirement to be nominated and applying to "at least **66%** of a full-time load" replacing the current language of "at least **75%** of a full-time load".

Future Committee Goals

- Increase nominations and applicant pool for the award
- Create a Teams group for committee operations instead of on Canvas

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Potter and Dan Meyers
2020-2021 DTAC Co-Chairs
May 27th, 2021