

AHCFCC
May I, 2008
10:00-11:30
406 Child Rehab

Present: Lois Heller, chair, Susan Berry, Colin Campbell, Peter Davies, Cheryl Richardson, Paul Olin and Vernon Weckwerth

Regrets: Brian Isetts

Guests: Barbara Brandt and Jennifer Kertz

In these minutes {The Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, the AHC faculty forum, and an update on the Finance and Planning committee }

Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The first item of business was a discussion on the Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Assistant. Vice President Barbara Brandt began by saying she had discussed the review process for the Academy of Excellence in Teaching and Learning with Senior Vice President Cerra. An external reviewer represented each discipline within the group of nominees to the Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. She said all of the nominees were outstanding. Those selected were differentiated by the quality of work done in the area of the scholarship of teaching. Professor Berry noted those who have chosen the research and study of scholarship as their primary discipline stood out from the nominees who have not made that commitment. The scholarship of teaching is building momentum as a national movement, contributing to a growing understanding of the discipline. The committee will like continue to encourage nominations be put forth from across the AHC.

Professor Heller said the description of the nomination criteria, as it is published on the web, should be revised to strengthen the emphasis placed on research and study in the scholarship of teaching. A checklist of nomination packet materials will also be added to the web site. Jennifer Kertz said that the award presentation would be held on May 20th with a reception at 4:30 and a program at 5:00. Announcements were sent to the nominators and the inductees. Senior Vice President Cerra and Professor Heller will both provide a brief address to the group. The Wall of Honor for the Academy of Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will not be ready for the May ceremony but it will be completed in time for the Academy of Excellence in Health Research award presentation in the fall. Members then discussed the deadlines for the 2009 awards and decided on November 30th for the Academy of Excellence in Teaching and Learning deadline to and on March 30 Academy of Excellence in Health Research.

Professor Davies then said he and Professor Isetts have agreed that they would run for vice chair and chair, respectively. Professor Heller called for a vote and Professors Isetts was elected to serve as chair for 2008-2009. Professor Davies agreed to serve as chair elect.

AHC Faculty Forum

Third Thursday's continue with a May event being sponsored in both the Twin Cities and Duluth. Professor Heller noted that the events have been successful and she hopes they will continue next year. She would like to see the AHC Faculty Forum scheduled to precede the social event on Thursday, October 16th. A reservation has been made at the Campus Club in rooms A, B, and C.

Members then discussed the topic of interdisciplinary scholarship and research. Professor Weckman noted that the field of Public Health is intrinsically interdisciplinary and thus there is a different perspective on this topic in his college than in most of the other AHC Schools. The committee considered using a hypothetical project as a tool for addressing the obstacles involved with interdisciplinary work. The committee will continue discussion about the forum at its June meeting.

Finance and Planning Report

- § The Senate Finance and Planning Committee discussed the new Coca-Cola beverage contract, which requires that the University be called on as a reference for any new Coca-Cola contracts. The new contractor for University vending machine products is a local company based in Wayzata. The vending contract calls for more healthful selections. University Dining Services will remain under the same providers for food and catering services.
- § It has been decided that the U More Park property in Rosemount will be the sight of a research community used to study education, transportation, housing, and other relevant subjects, in the context of community.
- § Senior Vice President Cerra is reviewing the AHC Practice Plan document.

Hearing no further business Professor Heller adjourned the meeting.

Sara Balick
University Senate