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UNIVERSITY SENATE & FACULTY CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY  
Academic Year 2009-2010

Committee on Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 9, 2010  
Bartley 1030

**In attendance:** Sohail Chaudhry, Q Chung, Linda Copel, Jack Johannes, Eric Karson, Sarvesh Kulkarni, Victoria McWilliams (Chair), Barbara Ott, Joseph Schick, Donna Shai, Maggie Wang, Thomas Way, Seth Whidden.

**Absent:** Joseph Dellapenna (NIA), Shams Inati (NIA).

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 2:30 p.m.

1. **Celebration:** The Committee on Faculty formally thanked Dr. Jack Johannes, VPAA, for his many years of service and contributions as a member of our committee, and wished him the very best as he returns to faculty.
2. **Housekeeping**
  - Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> COF meeting were approved.
3. **Approval of Awards Subcommittee Recommendations:**
  - The committee briefly discussed the proposed award recipients. A request was made that the committee be provided background information for the recipients in the future, and Drs. Schick and Way, subcommittee representatives, agreed to provide this information. There were 166 nominations for the teaching awards (first four listed below) representing 109 faculty. There were 7 viable nominations for the Facultas Award. Motions were made to accept the Awards Subcommittee recommendations. For the teaching awards, the motion to accept was made by Dr. Copel, seconded by Dr. Chung; for the Facultas Award, the motion was made by Dr. Chaudhry and seconded by Dr. Karson. Both motions were unanimously supported for all recommendations put forward by the Awards Subcommittee for the following awards:
    - Outstanding Faculty Mentor Teaching Award
    - Faculty Award for Innovative Teaching
    - Pohlhaus-Stracciolini Award for Teaching Excellence
    - Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
    - Spring 2010 Facultas Award

- The supported recommendations for the teaching awards (first four) were submitted to Dr. Johannes for presentation to Fr. Donohue. The Facultas award, which is a faculty sponsored award, does not go to Fr. Donohue.
  - The committee also discussed the procedures used for the teaching awards nominations. Drs. Schick and Way explained the interim procedures used this year, as well as plans for changes that the subcommittee wants to make to the process next year.
  - The committee also discussed the nature of the Facultas award, which is to recognize a staff member who provides service to the Villanova community at large, rather than just to his or her local unit. After much discussion about possibly changing the award, the committee decided to keep the Facultas award as it is currently defined, but to make a concerted effort to encourage local units to express their appreciation for their staff.
  - The committee chair thanked the Awards Subcommittee for taking on the herculean task of establishing nomination procedures for the four teaching awards, and for handling the task of making recommendations for the teaching awards, for the Gallen Award, and the Facultas Awards. The subcommittee has truly done an outstanding job.
- 4. Committee Chair:** The committee unanimously confirmed Dr. Seth Whidden as committee chair for 2010 – 2012. Dr. Whidden made comments on the future direction of the committee.
- 5. Statements of Gratitude:** Dr. Johannes extended his thanks to the committee for all of our work, in general over prior years and in particular for our work this past year. He also thanked us for his celebration at today’s meeting. The committee members thanked Dr. McWilliams for her leadership over the past two years, and Dr. McWilliams thanked the committee for all of the outstanding work accomplished by the Committee on Faculty.
- 6. New Business to Carry Forward**
- Proposed committee name change
  - Continuation of discussion of Distinguished Professorships

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria McWilliams