



Athabasca University General Faculties Council

Academic Excellence Awards Committee

Approved minutes for Meeting 13 of the Academic Excellence Awards Committee held on January 24, 2017, in Governing Council Chambers, AU-Athabasca.

Present: Cindy Ives (Chair) and via teleconference: Helen Lam, Cheuk Ng, John Ulici-Petrut, Kim Newsome

Governance Staff: Carol Lund (University Secretary), Eileen Hendy (Recording Secretary)

Others: Margaret Kierylo, Oscar Lin

Regrets: Jacqueline Mann, Teagan Gahler

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1.1 **Motion 13-01** That Academic Excellence Awards Committee approves the agenda as presented.

Ulici-Petrut

Carried

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 **Action** Subject to the Conflict of Interest provision of the General Faculties Council General By-Laws, the Chair asked members to declare any conflict that may have with respect to the meeting agenda.

No conflicts declared.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 **Motion 13-02** That Academic Excellence Awards Committee approve the minutes of Meeting 12, held September 26, 2016, as presented.

Lam

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 **Action** Recommend approval of changes to the Academic Excellence Awards Policy.

- Motion 13-03** That the Academic Excellence Awards Committee recommends Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee recommends General Faculties Council approves changes to the Academic Excellence Awards Policy to reflect the new Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision (AEGSS), effective March 15, 2017.

Ng

The Director, Academic Planning & Priorities and Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies presented this item.



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Members discussed the number of recipients the award should be awarded to. All members, except member Ng, agreed the award be awarded annually to up to two academic staff members.

Members reviewed and discussed the Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision (AEGSS) Procedure. Members discussed if a length of time for a nominator to know a nominee be added to the nomination process section and agreed to leave as is. It was agreed the word 'faculty' be added before the word 'colleagues' in the 3rd bullet under the 'Nominations should include' section on page 2 to be consistent with other provisions in the procedure.

Carried

5.2 Motion 13-04 That the Academic Excellence Awards Committee moves *In Camera*.

Lam

Carried

5.3 Motion 13-05 That the Academic Excellence Awards Committee approves the minutes of Meeting 11, held *In Camera* on August 10, 2016, as presented.

Lam

Carried

5.4 Action Review applications and selection of recipients for the 2017 President's Award for Research and Scholarly Excellence (PARSE).

Members reviewed the applications for the 2017 President's Award for Research and Scholarly Excellence (PARSE).

5.5 Motion 13-06 That the Academic Excellence Awards Committee exits *In Camera*.

Lam

Carried

5.6 Motion 13-07 That the Academic Excellence Awards Committee approves Mark McCutcheon as the successful recipient for the 2017 President's Award for Research and Scholarly Excellence (PARSE).

Lam

Carried

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

7. SCHEDULE OF PENDING ITEMS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Motion 13-08 That the meeting be adjourned.

Newsome

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.