

Middle Georgia State College Faculty Recognition Standing Committee
AY 2013-2014

Minutes of Meeting No. 3
102 Academic Services Building, WRC
March 14, 2014

Present:
Ms. Vicki Ball

List of items to consider re: scholarship:

Publications (committee members should assess prestige/circulation of journal or publisher, impact of publications, number of citations)

Conference presentations (consider aspects such as whether it is an organized panel, invited speaker, drawing participants internationally/nationally/regionally)

Evident results of scholarship (like funding)

Ms. Vicki Ball asked whether after reviewing the candidates, committee members would make a recommendation, rank the candidates, or choose the recipients outright. Dr. Frank Ryerson indicated that this question had emerged as an issue in previous years. Dr. Benita Muth stated that she believed the committee would make a recommendation rather than rank the candidates.

Dr. Benita Muth asked if anyone needed clarification on any of the awards or had any other questions. She asked the group if it was necessary to develop a rubric or scoresheet. Dr. Frank Ryerson and Dr. Paul Gladden stated that they preferred the flexibility to assess candidates without a scoresheet. The committee agreed with this preference. Dr. Benita Muth concluded that the flexibility would work as long as the committee members had a shared sense of what criteria should be considered for each of the awards.

A motion was made to close the discussion of the award criteria and begin reviewing the candidates for each of the rewards. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Benita Muth introduced each of the candidates to the committee.

After briefly reviewing each of the 3 candidates for the scholarship award, 2 candidates for the service award, and 7 candidates for the teaching award, the committee discussed the next steps.

Dr. Benita Muth proposed that each of the committee members review candidates prior to a meeting next week, come to the next meeting with an informal ranking, and then participate in a discussion about candidates, prior to an either in-person vote or online survey.

Ms. Vicki Ball asked if the committee would determine who it recommends for the awards based on a simple majority vote or a two-thirds vote.

Dr. Benita Muth inquired if the committee should give members who cannot attend the meeting next week a chance to vote online.

Dr. Frank Ryerson asked if the Faculty Recognition Committee members could determine their own procedure for voting or if the committee needed to follow a ruling already made by the Executive Committee.

Dr. Benita Muth pointed out that the Faculty Recognition Committee already does vote online to approve meeting minutes, but she agreed to double check procedures with the Executive Committee. Dr. Benita Muth also raised the issue of online voting to ask if the committee was comfortable giving a vote to committee members not present at meetings for the discussion of candidates.

Dr. Frank Ryerson proposed that voting should be anonymous.

Ms. Vicki Ball moved to approve an electronic vote process to select the recipients of the awards.

Dr. Frank Ryerson seconded the motion.

Dr. Charlotte Miller stated that she would get the meeting minutes out in a timely manner so that committee members who missed the meeting could review criteria for the awards and see the committee's discussion.

Dr. Benita Muth recommended that any committee members who were unable to review the materials of all candidates abstain from voting.

The motion for electronic voting carried unanimously.

The committee discussed the time and meeting place for next week. Dr. Frank Ryerson stated that it might be difficult to get a quorum in person for next week's next w9itiext w9itie