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Meeting minutes, F&A Committee

Feb. 16, 2017, 11am - 11:50am

Present: Karen Ellis (ex-officio), Mitchell Forney, Tom Johnson, Katie Ledermann, Elena Machkasova (Chair), Michelle Schamp, Alicia Schewe Present for the last 10 minutes: Michael Lackey

Absent: Janell Kolden

1. Approval of minutes from Oct. 31st meeting. Unanimously approved.
2. Selecting the winner of UMMAA Teaching Award nominations. There were three excellent nominations. The process worked as follows: every voting member independently ranked the three nominees, and the totals were announced. Discussion followed. After the discussion two votes were taken:
 - a. To narrow down the list to two top candidates (passed by majority).
 - b. Determine the winner among the two by show of hands. The winner was selected by 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

The committee selected **Dr. Rebecca Dean** as the winner of the UMMAA Teaching Award. The committee noted that Rebecca has excelled in all of the criteria for the award: she demonstrated excellence in teaching, as evidenced by students' written comments for her classes, SOT scores, and statements from students and former students in her nomination letters, effective mentorship and advising, forming personal connections with students, course and program development that incorporates a service learning component into the Anthropology curriculum, and active involvement of students into research in a variety of settings.

3. The committee discussed, and unanimously approved, extending the deadline for the Bill and Ida Stewart award for Ethnic Diversity until March 10, if the Multi-Ethnic Experience committee is ok with this timeline. The previous deadline passed on Feb 13 with no nominations. However, there was some interest expressed in putting together a nomination, given more time. Elena will check with the MEC and send out an extension announcement if MEC is ok with it.
4. Elena discussed the plan for Scholar of the College nominations decision process. The nominations are due on Mon Feb 20. She will share the first batch with the committee on Sunday as a google sheet for comments, and will share the remaining ones on Tue Feb 21st. The committee members will mark the nominations as "OK", "Not OK", and "Needs discussion". At the meeting on Tue 2/28 we will approve all that everyone recommends, and then discuss those that any members have issues with.
5. Elena mentioned that she still needs to prepare the recommendations for commencement speaker 2018 for the chancellor.