

CLAS Faculty Development Committee 2020-2021 Annual Report

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The CLAS Faculty Development Committee (FDC) is a faculty advocacy committee that sees its mission as addressing the issues that affect the development of CLAS faculty in the areas of teaching, research and service. Issues brought to the committee's attention by CLAS faculty determine much of our agenda. Faculty members with a concern about an issue affecting faculty development are encouraged to contact the FDC chair.

The committee typically meets for 90 minutes once every other week throughout the academic year. In response to the University's effort to minimize service work for all committee members during the pandemic, the committee met only one time during the 2020-21 academic year to participate in the Strategy and Innovation discussions organized by the CLAS Dean's Office.

FTLC Teaching Awards

During October, the FDC reviewed applications for teaching awards from faculty members in the college. This year there were fewer applications received than the college's maximum allowed number to send forward for review at the university level. In order to save workload for committee members, the committee chair reviewed each application to ensure that it met the requirements for the award and then passed them on to the Dean for formal approval.

Research and Mentoring Awards

During October, the FDC reviewed the nominations from CLAS for the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence research and mentoring awards. This year there were fewer applications received than the college's allowed number to send forward for review at the university level. In order to save workload for committee members, the committee chair reviewed each application to ensure that it met the requirements for the award and then passed them on to the Dean for formal approval.

Committee Bylaws

In February 2020 the committee reviewed our existing Bylaws and proposed revisions to reflect the change in (1) the university-wide sabbatical proposal review procedure, (2) our internal review of FTLC and CSCE awards. These revisions were approved unanimously by the committee, and forwarded to Faculty Council for approval. The Bylaws were approved by Faculty Council in April 2020, and some minor feedback was incorporated into the document in September 2020. The revised Bylaws went into effect in September 2020.

We thank Roxanne Mol for her support of our committee, and we thank Donovan Anderson for his guidance and advice as ex officio.