



General Faculties Council
University Teaching Awards Committee
Approved Minutes

Friday, April 08, 2011
3-15, UHALL
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

Elisabeth Le - Chair, Carolyn Campbell – Vice-Chair, Susan Gibson, Brenda Cameron, John Parkins, Melissa Morrison, Christa Eriksson, Christine Daum, Janis Sasaki, Garry Bodnar (Coordinator and Scribe)

PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:

Elisabeth Le, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Gibson/Campbell

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 24, 2010

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Sasaki/Morrison

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of September 24, 2010.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

In response to a member's query, the Chair reported that Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) results were not available as part of the information upon which the Committee would draw with regard to its adjudication of the 2011 Teaching Unit Award. Dr Le also reminded members of the processes that would be followed with respect to adjudication of this year's teaching awards and reviewed GFC UTAC's terms of reference and internal regulations regarding the introduction, during adjudication, of anecdotal information and the need to declare, as appropriate, any and all conflicts of interest. The Chair also reviewed the number of awards available under each category, noting that this had not changed since the last adjudication round.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Adjudication of the 2011 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve under delegated authority from General Faculties Council the 2011 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2011 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Cameron/Campbell

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC) award 2011 Rutherford Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

- Kim Fordham, Augustana Faculty
- Lise Gotell, Women's Studies Program, Faculty of Arts
- Suzanne Kresta, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
- Mitchell McInnes, Faculty of Law
- Janet Scott Hoyt, Department of Music, Faculty of Arts
- Nesé Yuksel, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

CARRIED

5. Adjudication of the 2011 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve under delegated authority from General Faculties Council the 2011 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2011 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Gibson/Daum

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC) award 2011 William Hardy Alexander Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

- Anne Boerger, Campus Saint-Jean
- Lisa Prichard, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science

CARRIED

6. Adjudication of the 2011 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve under delegated authority from General Faculties Council the 2011 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2011 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion: Sasaki/Parkins

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC) award 2011 Provost's Awards for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

- Dan Barreda, Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (Joint Appointment with the Faculty of Science)
- John Nychka, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

CARRIED

7. Adjudication of the 2011 Teaching Unit Award

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve under delegated authority from General Faculties Council the 2011 Teaching Unit Award.

Discussion:

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2011 Teaching Unit Award.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

The Committee agreed to move *ex camera*.

Motion:

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC) award the 2011 Teaching Unit Award to:

- Non-Coordinated Courses (A Collaboration of Instructors from Different Faculties/Departments)/Inter-professional Education with Team Members: Lili Liu, Robert Lederer, Greig Rasmussen, Cheryl Sadowski, Lisa Guirguis, Eleni Stroulia, and Ioanis Nikolaidis.

CARRIED

8. Debrief

There were no documents.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

Members commented on a several issues that they had noted during the adjudication process, including:

- Does GFC UTAC want USRI (Universal Student Ratings of Instruction) results included with nominations for the Unit Teaching Award (UTA)?
- A short 'executive summary' should be included within the UTA nomination package that explains the central objective, from a teaching perspective, of what the individual (nominated) team is attempting to do through their collective.
- For all nomination packages, regarding of the teaching award, members felt that it made sense to ask for back-to-back photocopying, thereby cutting down on the size of the material (in whole) and showing sensitivity to sustainability.

Members agreed these issues could be discussed further at its June 17, 2011 meeting.

9. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items to date.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

GFC UTAC - Material for the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee Meeting of March 19, 2010 (E-Mailed to Members on March 25, 2011)

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Chair thanked those present for their hard work on the adjudications and acknowledged those members whose terms on GFC UTAC were ending. In turn, the Committee thanked the Chair for her work, as her term ends on June 30, 2011.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.