

Meeting Minutes
Executive Committee of the AFSE
April 1, 2022
12 NOON via Zoom

Present: Christopher Buneo, Samantha Brunhaver, Marcus Herrmann (chair), Dianne Hansford (secretary), Rosa Krajmalnik-Brown, Pitu Mirchandani, George Pan, Yalin Wang, Yong-Hang Zhang, Anthony Lamanna, Rod Roscoe, Sefaattin Tongay, Jitendran Muthuswamy

Absent:

Guests: Kyle Squires

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 2022 were unanimously approved.

Dean's Dissertation Award

The committee reviewed a Google working document with draft language for the award announcement, resulting in the following statement.

The Dean's Dissertation Award recognizes excellence in dissertation research that embodies the ASU Charter and design aspirations as evidenced by contributions to (a) scientific discovery, (b) engineering innovations, and (c) use-inspired applications with the potential for major societal impact. Nominations will be evaluated based on the content and quality of the nomination materials. In both the nomination letter and personal statement, competitive nominations should detail how the research contributes new or transformative knowledge, theoretical frameworks, methodologies, techniques, applications, and/or translations of the research.

Yong-Hang: How will the three items (a-c) be applied in the evaluation step? Will each one get a score? Is it possible to be weak on one, strong on the others, and still receive a good score?

Sef: We need the criteria to be quantifiable. The language needs to be clear so we have clear criteria to use for the evaluations.

Kyle: We will need to re-visit this announcement to develop the rubric for evaluation of the nominations.

Marcus: Before the next round of evaluations, the EC will need to define a rubric.

All EC members but one voted to accept this new draft; Yong-Hang abstained.

Bylaws

Let's discuss during the next meeting since we need to move on to the topic of the upcoming lecture.

Dean's Distinguished Lecturer

The talk is on Thursday, April 21st.

Marcus: Should the meeting be in-person or a hybrid meeting? We could announce in-person only and add Zoom if the number of people exceeds the room capacity.

Afternoon versus morning talk? (Afternoon was the preference.)

The afternoon venue is smaller; better to have a full room rather than an empty room.

Rosy: The new Biodesign building has very nice auditorium that is larger than BDI. Marcus will check with Kelli.

Please let Marcus or Dianne know if you cannot make lunch – we need a head count.

Who is meeting with speaker? A running list is being maintained by Kelli.

Election of new EC chair

This needs to be addressed at the next meeting, which is the last one of the semester.

COVID19 Update

Kyle: Convocation plans outside? (Dianne missed this.)

Other Issues

Yong-Hang: What issues should we consider for this item?

Kyle: Faculty recognition and awards is a good item for this committee

Rod: Faculty perception of the ability to move to full professor is that it is very hard. This could promote faculty to consider leaving the university to get promotion through a move.

Kyle: Promotion /tenure workshops are there, but maybe we need to communicate better.

Meeting adjourned

ACTION ITEMS

- Marcus and Dianne will work on the suggested changes to the bylaws in the EC Dropbox folder.
- Dianne will add new language to dissertation award announcement and distribute for review before posting to EC website and distributing to school directors.
- Dianne will take a head count for lunch with the speaker on April 21st.

Next Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2022, at noon

Location: Zoom <https://asu.zoom.us/j/81081444516?from=addon>