

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Faculty Honors and Awards

Chair:

Jennifer Thayer

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

All meetings conducted via email/phone

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

Austin Peay State University Faculty Honors and Awards Committee 2021-2022

Faculty Honors and Awards Committee

Jennifer Thayer, Faculty Representative, CoB, Chair
Kristy Cunningham, Faculty Representative, Library
Cheryl Lambert, Faculty Representative, CoE
Margaret Rennerfeldt, Faculty Representative, CoAL
J. Allyn Smith, Faculty Representative, CoSTEM
Kathryn Woods, Faculty Representative, CoBHS
Robyn Hulsart, Faculty Representative, APC@FC
Tucker Brown, Interim Senior Vice Provost/Associate Vice President Academic Affairs, *ex officio*
Tammy Delvendahl, Assistant to the Provost, *ex officio*
Nikki Peterson, Director/Alumni Relations, *ex officio*
Lisa Phelps, Administrative Assistant Academic Affairs, *ex officio*
Greg Singleton, Associate Vice President/Dean of Students, *ex officio*

Committee Charge

The main actions of the Honors and Awards Committee are to oversee the selection of the faculty awards. These awards include:

- Richard M. Hawkins Award
- Socrates Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service
- APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award

Richard M. Hawkins Award

Committee Member Leads

- Jennifer Thayer (thayerj@apsu.edu / 931-221-7683)

Selection Committee Composition

Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, Provost, Chair of the Faculty Research Committee, and the three immediate past Hawkins Award winners (2021 Kathryn Woods, 2020 Debra Wilson, and 2019 Dwayne Estes)

Timeline

- March 21, 2022 – Call for nominations
- April 15, 2022 – Departmental nomination due to Dean
- April 22, 2022 – Nominations to be forwarded to Provost's Office
- May 9, 2022 – Selection Committee to submit nominations and recommendations to Provost's and President's Offices

Nomination Information

The call for nominations announcement is prepared by the subcommittee chair and distributed to all faculty by Tammy Delvendahl.

Award Announcement

The Richard M. Hawkins award is presented at the Fall Faculty Meeting.

Description

The recipient of the award shall be an individual judged to have made noteworthy contributions to scholarship or creative activity. The recipient shall be a full-time faculty member. All academic ranks are eligible. While there will normally be a recipient each year, the award will not be presented in a year when candidates fail to meet the necessary criteria as judged by the Selection Committee. A call for nominations will be extended by the chair of the Honors and Awards Committee. Each department may nominate one individual for the award. The name of the nominee and supporting material shall be submitted to the appropriate dean. Supporting material includes a current vita, letters of support, and copies of any scholarly or creative work including, but not limited to, texts, recordings, portfolios, etc. as evidence of a candidate's contributions. Each dean shall rank the nominees from his/her college or school and submit these ranked names along with the supporting materials to the selection committee via the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs office. The individual receiving the majority vote of the selection committee shall be recommended to the President as the recipient of the Richard M. Hawkins Award. The selection committee will be composed of the chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and chair of the Faculty Research Committee, and the three immediate past Hawkins Award winners. The award is presented at the Academic Honors and Awards Ceremony. The award shall consist of \$1,000 cash and an engraved plaque with the recipient's name inscribed. The plaque will be displayed in the foyer of the Browning Administration Building.

Richard M. Hawkins Nominees and Award Winner:

- Dr. Tammy Smithers, CoAL
- Dr. Florian Gargallo, CoAL
- Dr. Antonio Thompson, CoAL
- Dr. Jeff Williams, CoAL
- Dr. Ayo Walker, CoAL
- Dr. Emily Pica, CoBHS
- Dr. Elif Demiral Saglam, CoB
- **Dr. Lisa Barron, CoE - winner**
- Dr. Philip Short, CoE
- Dr. Brad Fox, CoSTEM
- Dr. Rebecca Johansen, CoSTEM
- Dr. Saeid SamadiDanat, CoSTEM
- Dr. Isaac Sitienei, CoSTEM

Socrates Award for Excellence in Teaching

Committee Member Leads

- Jennifer Thayer (thayerj@apsu.edu / 931-221-7683)
- Kathryn Woods (woodsk@apsu.edu / 931-221-1419)
- Kristy Cunningham (cunninghamk@apsu.edu / 931-221-7017)

Selection Committee Composition

This award is managed by the deans. Three selection committees are established for the designated college/departmental units (College of Arts and Letters; College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and Library; and College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, College of Business, and College of Education). In units with more than one dean, management responsibilities will rotate on a yearly basis. Each selection committee will be composed of tenured professors who have made noteworthy contributions to teaching. At least three faculty members should serve on these selection committees. The composition of the selection committee and its chair will be determined by each dean. All selection committees should have at least one Socrates Award winner.

Timeline

- March 21, 2022 – Call for nominations announcement sent to Tammy Delvendahl. This announcement is for Deans to get the selection committees in place.
- April 1, 2022 – Selection committee chairs announced (and forward to the Honors & Awards Committee Chair) with a call for nominations from deans to college faculty
- April 22, 2022 – All nominations and supporting material made available to chair of selection committees
- April 29, 2022 – Selection committees' recommendations sent to Chair of Honors & Awards Committee
- May 9, 2022 – Top three nominees are submitted to Provost's and President's Offices

Nomination Information

The call for nominations announcement is prepared by the subcommittee chair and distributed to the deans by Tammy Delvendahl.

Award Announcement

The three Socrates Awards are presented at the Fall Faculty Meeting.

Description

The Socrates Award for Excellence in Teaching is given for outstanding teaching for tenure-track faculty members who have not yet received tenure, and is presented at the annual Fall Faculty Meeting. There will be no more than three recipients each year. Candidates will provide a digital portfolio in a single PDF document with a current CV, at least two letters of recommendation from other faculty members, at least one year of APSU student-teacher evaluations, at least two peer reviews of teaching, and any relevant course materials (i.e. syllabi, PowerPoint presentations, or original assignments). Non-tenured department chairs are also eligible. In addition to being outstanding teachers, the candidates' academic advising, research, and creative activities that clearly support excellence in teaching will also be considered. Recipients will not be eligible to win during the next two calendar years. A call for nominations will be extended by the chair of the Honors and Awards Committee in February. Nominations are made within departments and are forwarded to one of three established selection committees:

- College of Arts and Letters;
- College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; the Library; and faculty who are not assigned to specific academic departments, Colleges;
- College of Behavioral and Health Sciences; College of Business; and College of Education.

Each of the three units will field a Socrates Award winner, provided there is a suitable awardee. The chair of the selection committee for each of the three units is responsible for sending the names of the nominees and the individual receiving the majority of the votes to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee,

the Provost, and the Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. The award shall consist of \$1,000 cash, in addition, each recipient shall receive an engraved plaque.

Socrates Award Nominees and Winners by College:

• **CoB, CoE, and CoBHS**

- Dr. Terry Damron, CoB
- Dr. Brandon Di Paolo Harrison, CoB
- Dr. Kristen Butler, CoBHS
- Dr. Amanda Estep, CoBHS
- **Dr. Jessica Fripp, CoBHS - winner**
- Dr. Cheryl Lambert, CoE

• **CoAL**

- **Dr. Florian Gargaillo - winner**
- Dr. Wansoo Kim
- Dr. Dale Pickard

• **CoSTEM and Library**

- Dr. Marylu Dalton
- **Dr. Catherine Haase - winner**
- Dr. Erik Haroldson
- Dr. Jennifer Harris
- Dr. Isaac Sitienei

Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service

Committee Member Leads

- Jennifer Thayer (thayerj@apsu.edu / 931-221-7683)
- Margaret Rennerfeldt (rennerfeldtm@apsu.edu / 931-221-6237)
- J. Allyn Smith (smithj@apsu.edu / 931-221-6104)

Selection Committee Composition

Vice President for Student Affairs (chair), the Provost, the Vice President for University Advancement, and the Director of Alumni Relations.

Timeline

- March 21, 2022 – Call for nominations announcement sent to Tammy Delvendahl. Tammy sends announcement to faculty.
- April 22, 2022 – Nominations along with their recommendations are due to Honors & Award Committee
- May 9, 2022 – Top three nominees are submitted to Provost's and President's Offices

Nomination Information

The call for nominations announcement is prepared by the subcommittee chair and distributed to the faculty by Tammy Delvendahl.

Award Announcement

The Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service is presented at the Fall Faculty Meeting.

Description

The Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award shall be based on service to the community with emphasis placed on contributions that have enhanced or will enhance the quality of life in the Clarksville/Montgomery County area. Contributions may have been made over a period of years. Each department, dean, faculty member, staff member or member of the Clarksville/Montgomery County community may nominate one individual for the award each year. The recipient shall be a full-time teaching member or departmental chair. All academic ranks are eligible. There shall be a single recipient each year. The call for nominations shall be made by the chair of the Honors and Awards Committee. The name of the nominees and supporting materials shall be collected by the Chair of the Honors and Awards Selection Committee and submitted to the selection committee. Supporting materials should include a current vita or resume and letter of support. The Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee shall consist of the vice president of Student Affairs, who shall serve as chair; the provost; the vice president for University Advancement; and the director of Alumni Relations. The award shall consist of \$500 cash provided by the Nyrstar Zinc Plant and an engraved plaque serving as a personal memento provided by the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce. The selection committee shall rank the nominees and submit the top three, along with supporting materials, to the President of the University each year by April 1.

The Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service Nominee and Award Winner:

- Dr. Eva Gibson, CoBHS
- **Dr. Leong Lee, CoSTEM - winner**
- Colleen White, CoSTEM

APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award

Committee Member Leads

- Jennifer Thayer (thayerj@apsu.edu / 931-221-7683)
- Robyn Hulsart (hulsartr@apsu.edu / 931-221-1439)
- Cheryl Lambert (lambertc@apsu.edu / 931-221-6195)
- Greg Singleton (singletong@apsu.edu / 931-221-7005)
- Nikki Peterson (petersonn@apsu.edu / 931-221-7291)

Selection Committee Composition

Nominations are conducted from a list of eligible faculty (Human Resources) by students (Greg Singleton), Alumni (Nikki Peterson), and Faculty (Tammy Delvendahl). After the first balloting process, those names are forwarded to the Subcommittee to conduct the second/final balloting process (Qualtrics). Colleges include: CoAL, CoBHS, CoB, CoE, CoSTEM, Library, and Faculty in administrative positions not assigned to a specific department.

Timeline

- March 1, 2022 – Contact Human Resources to request the list of Eligible Faculty for this award (completed)
- March 21, 2022 – List sent to each College to be confirmed by the deans' offices
- March 24, 2022 – List of Eligible Faculty confirmed and sent to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee by this date
- March 25, 2022 – Call for nominations from alumni, faculty, and students
- April 6, 2022 – Nominations due from the college deans (faculty units), students, and alumni
- April 8-13, 2022 – Voting to occur among alumni, faculty, and students
- April 15, 2022 - Finalists (names) from this round of voting due to the Honors and Awards Committee by this date
- April 18-22, 2021 – Finalists submit narratives to subcommittee (Finalists are contacted by the subcommittee to submit their one to two-page narratives)
- April 25-29, 2021 - Final voting by the alumni, faculty, and students
- April 29, 2021 – Subcommittee to submit voting results to the Provost's Office

Nomination Information

The call for nominations announcement is prepared by the subcommittee and sent to Tammy Delvendahl to distribute to faculty. Subcommittee sends the announcement (that can be edited) to Greg Singleton and Nikki Peterson to be distributed in their areas.

Award Announcement

The APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award is presented at the Fall Faculty Meeting.

Description

The APSU Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award is based on professional performance with major emphasis on teaching. The recipient shall be a full-time faculty or a department chair. The recipient shall be a tenured faculty member and shall have completed a minimum of ten years of continuous full-time teaching at Austin Peay State University. Faculty who are on leave of absence for authorized reasons during the minimum ten-year continuous full-time teaching period (for example, professional development leave, maternity leave, etc.) shall still be considered eligible for the award. All ranks shall be eligible. Academic credentials requisite to the position held in the University shall be sufficient for eligibility and selection. There shall be a single recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award only each year. Any faculty member who wins this award shall not be eligible again to win the award until twenty years of full-time teaching at APSU have elapsed starting with the semester following the one in which the award was presented. Faculty who are on leaves of absence for authorized reasons during the minimum ten-year continuous full-time teaching period (for example, professional development leave, maternity leave, etc.) shall still be considered eligible for the award. The chair of the Honors and Awards Committee will issue a call for nominations from the faculty, the Student

Government Association and Alumni as follows: each college dean, the SGA president and the director of Alumni Relations will conduct a nomination process to determine nominees from his/her area, and each will conduct balloting to determine the nominee(s). The nominee receiving the most votes after two balloting processes shall receive the award. The award shall consist of \$1,000 cash, an engraved plaque serving as a personal memento and the recipient's name cumulatively inscribed on a plaque to be permanently displayed in the Browning Administrative Building.

2020-2021 APSU Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award Nominees and Winner:

- Dr. Mercy Cannon, SGA/Students
- Dr. Jill Eichorn, Alumni
- **Dr. Amy Hamlin, CoBHS – winner**
- Dr. Charmaine Lowe, CoE
- Dr. Sally Lundin-Schiller, CoSTEM
- Professor Billy Renkl, CoAL
- Dr. John Volker, CoB