

# **UWF Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee Meeting**

Friday, August 23, 2019

1:00 p.m. in 10/131 Conference Room

*Minutes Approved by HARC Feb. 7, 2020*

Attendees: President Martha Saunders, Provost George Ellenberg, Deborah Cluff, Denice Curtis, Dean DeBolt, SGA President Zenani Johnson, Dr. Chula King, Dr. Pat Wentz, Dr. Leonid Yanovski, and Howard Reddy (chair). Geri Battist attended as committee coordinator.

Absent: Committee member Dr. Leonard Ter Haar, unable to attend, gave proxy to Dr. King.

Minutes prepared by Committee Coordinator Geri Battist.

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## **WELCOME**

Chair Howard Reddy called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. Chair Reddy welcomed and thanked committee members for attending.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Reddy asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2019, meeting minutes. Committee member Dean DeBolt made a motion to not accept the minutes at this time. The name of the nominee approved for an honorary doctorate at the April 4, 2019, meeting was not included in the DRAFT meeting minutes. Since the minutes are a public record, he suggested that the minutes not be approved until after the award is made so that the minutes reflect the nominee's name. This suggestion was accepted unanimously by the committee members present. Therefore, meeting minutes for April 4, 2019, were not approved.

## **INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF HONOR NOMINATION**

Chair Reddy presented the nomination received from UWF Foundation Chair Gail Dorsey and endorsed by Dr. Ed Ranelli and Jerry Maygarden to bestow an honorary Presidential Medal of Honor to nominee UWF BOT Chair J. Mortimer "Mort" O'Sullivan. The item was open for discussion. Unanimously, Committee members were in favor of bestowing this recognition upon Mr. O'Sullivan, acknowledging that he met the criteria for such a recognition and noting his contributions to the University and the region along with his character. Committee Member Dean DeBolt made the motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by committee member Dr. Chula King. Motion carried unanimously. The chair will prepare and send a letter to the President with HARC approval of recommendation to bring before UWF BOT for approval at the Sept. 19, 2019, meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Committee Coordinator Geri Battist noted the three meeting dates and times in February that were proposed for the committee's spring meeting: Feb. 7 at 1:15 p.m.; Feb. 14 at 2:30 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> was pulled as the Provost is unavailable. The committee will retain the other two dates as tentative meeting dates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business was on the agenda. The chair adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.