

HONORARY AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

May 12, 2017

Approved by HARC Members at 10.17.17 meeting

Attendees: Dr. George Ellenberg, Laura Dees, Joseph Herring, Kishane Patel, Howard Reddy and John Reeves. Geri Battist attended as administrative support.

Committee member Dean DeBolt was unavailable to attend the meeting but provided input through email prior to meeting.

Minutes prepared by Geri Battist.

WELCOME

Howard Reddy called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members made introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee member Ellenberg made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 28, 2016. The motion seconded by committee member Reeves and carried by all committee members present.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Acting chair Howard Reddy updated the committee regarding three faculty three-year term vacancies (COH, COB, CoSE) to be appointed by the President before fall semester. Committee member John Reeves mentioned that he was retiring in July, ending his term, creating a fourth vacancy for a staff representative. Reddy introduced the nominations received for committee review.

HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS REVIEW

The committee reviewed the nomination for candidate G. Wiggins. After committee discussion, the committee made a determination that this nomination did not fully meet the criteria for an honorary doctorate degree. Ellenberg made the motion not to approve the nomination. Reeves seconded the motion and committee members present unanimously approved not to award the candidate with an honorary degree. Further discussion determined that the nomination did not meet the criteria of either the Founder's Medallion or the Presidential Medal of Honor. Herring suggested a recommendation to the President for a possible third award with criteria to recognize

accomplishments in community service to the University region to address nominations such as this. The Committee decided to table this discussion for a future meeting.

The Committee reviewed the nomination for candidates Q. Studer and R. Studer. After committee discussion, the Committee determined these nominations met criteria for honorary doctorate degree: Doctor of Letters.

Committee member Kishane Patel made the motion to approve awarding an honorary doctorate degree of letters individually to Quint Studer and Rishy Studer. Member John Reeves seconded the motion and committee members present unanimously approved the nominations.

Committee member George Ellenberg recommended that the awards be made at the Spring 2018 Commencement Ceremony and Studer be considered as commencement speaker. Member Kishane Patel seconded the motion. All members approved.

The HARC Acting Chair will bring these recommendations before the President. Upon President's approval, the nomination will go before BOT at the first fall meeting in August/September 2017 for authorization to award.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members agreed to table discussion on a possible third award (Medallion?) and establish criteria to recognize outstanding educational accomplishments and/or community service that impact and improve the University region. Herring suggested a recommendation to the President to charge the committee to research this item for discussion at a future meeting.

In a situation when a nomination received does not meet criteria for existing university awards, Herring queried whether a formal process is necessary to promote recognition action external to the University. Suggestion: HARC forwards such a nomination to the President's office with recommendation that President seek a City or Community office to consider recognition of individual for community/public service award.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.