

AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE

Monday, May 15, 2017

Minutes of the AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE, held in OL 340, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 10:10.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present:	Marjorie Budnikas, Tom Dickinson, Gordon Down (Chair), Mike Finch, Jordan Del Giudice, Wayne Hendry, Jim Hu, Gordon Rudolph.	
Regrets:	Sanchit Bansal, Karthik Kanchumathy, Christopher Seguin	
Guests:		
CALL TO ORDER	<i>The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>The agenda was adopted as distributed. (TD/JD)</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>The minutes of 5 DEC 2016 were adopted as distributed. (MB/TD)</i>	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p><u>Update on “insufficient pool” & IPE Assessment</u> TABLED, pending time to review the data received more recently from IPE.</p>	Student Awards
	<p><u>Update on transcript recognition of runners-up</u> TABLED.</p>	Marjorie
	<p>The committee discussed the merits of noting additional prestigious graduation awards in the convocation program other than just medals, specifically the new Lepin awards. Gordon will contact Advancement (Wanda).</p>	Student Awards
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Adjudication of the 2017 TRU Baccalaureate Medals & Governor General’s Medals</u> Wayne explained a current problem with B.Health Science grads who have laddered from the RESP diploma – of the last 60 credits completed (adjudication period), there are less than 24</p>	

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	<p>graded credits due to practicums. The result is they are all ineligible for medal consideration. It was noted this could potentially be resolved by expanding the adjudication period to more than 60 credits at the same time we study moving policy to use a degree audit GPA. Tom also proposed the concept of a different adjudication process for the applied degrees versus the purely academic degrees. These issues will need to be studied and tested and reviewed in anticipation of the needed policy change related to Banner degree audit's full implementation.</p>	Student Awards
	<p>The committee discussed the clear GPA anomaly with the B.Ed pool (over 96% of the applicants to graduate have >3.70 medal GPA), and the potential impact on the Governor General's Silver & Gold adjudications. Tom noted the Graduate Studies Committee had raised the same issue. Gordon will communicate the concerns to the Provost on behalf of the committee.</p>	Gordon
	<p>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the attached thirteen 2017 TRU Baccalaureate medalists and three Governor General's medalists be approved (where appropriate, subject to the approval of the appropriate Dean) and recommended to the Chair of Senate for final approval. (MB/JH)</p>	
	<p><u>Lieutenant Governor's Medal</u> Gordon advised that in spite of email requests and reminders to program chairs, advertising via campus posters, CCTV, the Website, Facebook, and Twitter, no faculty nominations and no public/student nominations were received. Tom recommended bringing the need for medal nominations to the attention of the applicable deans, and not just the program heads. Gordon noted this and will also plan to request a brief agenda item at the January Council of Deans meeting</p>	Gordon
NEXT MEETING	TBD. Gordon will circulate date options for the week after Fall Convocation.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM. (MF)	