

President's Awards for Excellence in Faculty Governance AY 2007-2008

Background:

Effective faculty governance depends upon the willingness of the faculty to devote time and energy to service on faculty committees and administrative advisory boards. This commitment has enabled faculty to influence and participate in decisions that affect the future of the university. However, there is a prevailing sense that the sacrifices faculty make to achieve these contributions are generally unappreciated by faculty and administrative colleagues. To combat this perception and to recognize and celebrate outstanding faculty contributions, past and/or present, to the university through service on faculty committees and advisory boards, President Simmons has set aside funds to support up to five annual awards. Each award carries a research stipend of \$2000.

Procedure:

The FEC asked the Committee on Nominations to devise and implement a procedure for selecting recipients of these awards. The first awards will be announced at the beginning of the Spring semester of AY 2007-08.

1. Eligibility: Any Brown faculty member who has served or is currently serving on Faculty Committees and Advisory Boards. Current members of the Nominations Committee or the Faculty Executive Committee are not eligible for this award.
2. Selection of award winners
 - a. The selection of the winners will be made by the Committee on Nominations.
 - b. The Committee on Nominations will compile a list of candidates using information available, including records of past and present members of faculty committees and advisory boards.
 - c. The Committee on Nominations will seek input from current and past leadership of faculty committees and advisory boards before making its selection.
 - d. Up to five awards will be made each year. For the inaugural year, four awards will be made to individuals from each of the four academic areas at Brown (Humanities, Life and Medical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences). The fifth award will be made to a candidate selected from the faculty at large.
3. Final vetting and announcement of awards: The final list of nominees for the awards will be sent to the FEC for review at their last meeting in December. The awards will be announced at the first university faculty meeting in the Spring.