

University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee

Report submitted by Douglas W. Sanford, Chair (2/15/13)

Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2013

Members present: Chris Foss, Bob Greene, John Morello, Doug Sanford, Frederico Schneider

As of this date, Bob Greene returned to service on the committee.

The committee met to first discuss the announcement for Faculty Awards nomination, revising this document with respect to the due date (March 1st) for nominations.

In addition, the announcement was revised to include the newly established Waple Faculty Professional Achievement Award, with the committee establishing the award's title and criteria based on information and recommendations provided by Chris Foss (the committee's chair last year) and John Morello, including previous discussions between this committee and the UFC last year.

Further discussion of the Waple Award established that eligible faculty will include all full-time, continuing faculty who have at least seven years of employment at UMW; and, that faculty members' achievement(s) must have been undertaken during the nominee's years at UMW. Criteria of the award first include an assessment of the significance/impact of the nominee's scholarly, creative, and/or professional accomplishments. A second criterion entailed that other awards, honors, and/or recognitions of achievement(s) can serve as evidence of the nominee's significance and impact.

With respect to submitting materials for a nomination, the committee agreed that any UMW faculty member could submit a nomination letter. As part of its evaluation process in the future, the committee will review nomination letters and the *c.v.* of nominated faculty members, as that document is publicly available within the University.

A further point of clarification for the Waple Award centered on distinguishing this award for the above types of professional achievement, rather than for teaching or service, as faculty awards already exist for these types of performance. Finally, the committee endorsed the idea that the Waple Award would be given out at the April, general faculty meeting, starting in 2013, in order that the winner may be recognized by her/his peers at this assembly.

The finalized announcement for the Waple Award was forwarded to the Provost's office. The committee agreed to meet in mid-March to review the nominations for all of the faculty awards.