Improvement of Learning
Annual Report 2008-09

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Meetings held:

9/23/08 - Introduction
10/28/08 – Grant applications received by the 10/15 deadline reviewed.
12/2/08 – Grant applications received by the 11/15 deadline reviewed.
2/24/09 – Grant applications received by the 2/15 deadline reviewed and TTA inter-rater reliability training.
3/31/09 – Grant applications received by the 3/15 deadline reviewed
4/7/09 – Trustee’s Teaching Awards (TTAs) determined
4/21/09 – Distinguished Teaching Awards (DTA) determined

Overview

The Improvement of Learning Committee recommended six Improvement of Learning Grant awards, three SFF and the TTA and DTA recipients. The TTA rubric was discussed and enhanced, special attention was given to the enhancement of the rubric in section II.

Improvement of Learning Grants

The IOLC began with $4,000 to award and awarded $4,000 to six faculty members.

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<th>Faculty</th>
<th>Title of project</th>
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<td>C. Reynolds</td>
<td>Travel to Chawton</td>
<td>$1000.</td>
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<td>S. Ramachandran</td>
<td>A learner-centered cognitive approach to Informatics System Comprehension</td>
<td>$1000.</td>
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<td>J. Reid</td>
<td>Low Fidelity Pregnant Patient Simulation</td>
<td>$370.</td>
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<td>Pinkston, Ridout, and Sutherland</td>
<td>Student Self Assessment</td>
<td>$130. (VC Atnip will provide $770 for this project)</td>
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<td>Y. Shen</td>
<td>China Study Tour- Teaching Chinese History in China</td>
<td>$1000.</td>
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<td>M. Jackman</td>
<td>New Technology for evaluating student readings,...</td>
<td>$500.</td>
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Summer Faculty Fellowship

IOLC recommended Clem, Stallard and Carducci to receive SFF.

- D. Clem – Integrating web-based and digital instructional material for painting classes.
- D. Stallard – Interactive foundation studio basics text and blog.
- B. Carducci – Developing a modular approach to a Psychology Major Career.
Trustee’s Teaching Awards

Following the usual procedure, committee members who are TTA applicants did not take part in the decision process. As in previous years training on the TTA scoring was completed prior to scoring. The rubric was discussed and modifications were made to the rubric at the 10/28 and 12/2 meetings. The inter-rater training consisted of each member of the committee reading the same TTA application and scoring the application. The scoring was then discussed by the members of the committee at the meeting on 2/24.

The IOLC recommended the following eight tenure track faculty and three lecturers for the TTA.

Tenure track

Anne Allen
Donna Bowles
Samantha Earley
David Eplion
Bryan Hall
Kenneth Harris
Ranida Harris
Robin Morgan

Lecturer

Michael Abernethy
Rebecca Carlton
Diane Reid

Other TTA issues: Further enhancement of the TTA rubric (specifically section II) was completed at the 4/21 meeting. The TTA Guidelines sent to the faculty with the call for applications was modified to conform to the revised TTA scoring. To standardize the revision process of the TTA scoring criteria, a review of the TTA scoring criteria will be scheduled every 3 years. The next review will occur in 2010-11.

Distinguished Teaching Award

The IOLC recommended Jan M. Fleisher as the recipient of the full-time DTA and Deborah Spurlock as the recipient of the part-time DTA.

The number of part-time DTA applications was up from the previous year. The chair of the IOLC called each school dean and requested that they consider nominating a member of their part-time faculty for the DTA.

Recommendations for 2008-09

- Advertise the priorities for the SFF and IOL funds.
- Clarify the format (length, font size etc.) of the TTA.
- Continue to enhance the description of the TTA rubric.