



# MEETING MINUTES SEPT. 5, 2023

Zoom, 2-3 p.m.

**Meeting called to order:** 2:01 p.m.

**In attendance:** Tara Connolly (Chair), Erin Frock, Tommie Guy, Karla Henricksen, Beth Humphrey, Jillian Kiefer, Sandra Martinez, Megan Moore, Roxanne Moschetti, Viola Pellissier, Debi Pezzuto, Sidney Sullivan

**Absent:** Sam Byington (Proxy: Tara Connolly), Jillian Kiefer

**Guest:** Amber Anaya

Tara welcomed the new and returning committee members.

## Approve May 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Beth Humphrey moved and Megan Moore seconded to approve the May 2, 2023 Recognition and Activities Committee Meeting Minutes. The committee approved the motion.

## Committee charge and membership requirements

Prior to today's meeting, Tara sent out the committee charges and membership requirements for discussion and suggestions. There was little discussion other than making sure we follow and stay within the parameters of our charges.

## Career Champions

Sidney provided an update from the latest Career Champions awarding. There were 26 employees recognized from 43 student nominations. Some of the nominations were for one person. Sidney also requested ideas and feedback on how the awards could be changed up so the recipient cannot cite the award in lieu of other duties in order to assuage performance issues. Suggestions received were to have 1 winner, research other models, change questions (more guided), and ask whether the nominating student was asked by their instructor to nominate them. Wording was also suggested to add to the nominating form: "This award cannot stand in lieu of your responsibilities." Sidney will do some research and discuss today's suggestions with administration. The committee will continue to discuss at the next meeting.

## Professional of the Month

Erin provided a history of the awarding and what is done for each recipient. The winner receives a snack/gift basket from the committee, a gift bag from the President's Office, a certificate from the Faculty Senate, and they choose a student to receive a \$100 scholarship from the TMCC Foundation.

August's voting is still open and September's will be sent soon.

Tara also called for basket assignments for Fall.

August – Tommie Guy

November – Debi Pezzuto

September – Viola Pellissier

December – Megan Moore

October – Karla Henricksen

## Distinguished Faculty Awards

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Olga Katkova teaches at the time the committee meets. She will be coordinating the Distinguished Faculty Awards once again. Nominations will begin in Spring for the Service and Teaching awards. The committee will discuss criteria for the Service award and will brainstorm at the next meeting. It was also mentioned to count the applicant packet in the scoring.

## People, Pets, and Pumpkins

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Tara asked the committee whether to do a virtual or in person contest for the pumpkins. The committee noted it is a lot of coordination to do an in-person event and we often clash with other departments using the Student Center for Halloween activities. It was suggested to submit pictures of people and pets and bring pumpkins to the Dandini Campus. Tara asked to have suggestions emailed. The committee will continue to discuss and decide on how to offer the contest.

## Ideas for the 2023-2024 year

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Viola suggested doing the 12 days of recipes during Christmas time.

## Other business

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Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2023