AGENDA

JOINT COMMITTEES ON
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Meeting: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Virtually via Teleconference

Committee on Institutional Advancement
Jean Picker Firstenberg, Chair
Douglas Faigin, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Debra S. Farar
Maria Linares
Anna Ortiz-Morfit
Yammilette Rodriguez
Christopher Steinhauser

Committee on Educational Policy
Christopher Steinhauser, Chair
Romey Sabalius, Vice Chair
Larry L. Adamson
Diego Arambula
Jane W. Carney
Jack Clarke, Jr.
Douglas Faigin
Jean Picker Firstenberg
Wenda Fong
Julia I. Lopez
Krystal Raynes
Yammilette Rodriguez

Consent
1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 28, 2020, Action

Discussion
2. The Wang Family Excellence Awards, Information
Members Present

Committee on Institutional Advancement
Jean Picker Firstenberg, Chair
Wenda Fong, Vice Chair
Larry L. Adamson
Debra S. Farar
Maryana Khames
Lillian Kimbell
Hugo N. Morales

Committee on Educational Policy
Peter J. Taylor, Chair
Jane W. Carney, Vice Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Rebecca D. Eisen
Douglas Faigin
Debra S. Farar
Wenda Fong
Juan F. Garcia
Maryana Khames
Lillian Kimbell
Romey Sabalius
Christopher Steinhauser

Trustee Peter J. Taylor called the meeting to order.

The Wang Family Excellence Awards

The presentation began with opening remarks from Chancellor Timothy P. White, honoring the legacy of Trustee Emeritus Stanley T. Wang, founder of the Wang Family Excellence Awards. Chairman Adam Day thanked Trustee Emeritus Wang as well as the members of the selection committee. Chancellor White then introduced the 2020 award recipients: Dr. Rajee Amarasinghe, recipient of the award for Outstanding Faculty Innovator in Student Success; Ms. Laura
Lupei, recipient of the award for Outstanding Staff Performance; Professor Brian Levin, recipient of the award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship; Dr. Eric John Bartelink, recipient of the award for Outstanding Faculty Service; and Dr. Brian Self, recipient of the award for Outstanding Faculty Teaching.

Trustee Taylor adjourned the meeting.
The Wang Family Excellence Awards

Presentation By

Joseph I. Castro
Chancellor

Background

More than 20 years ago, the Wang Family Excellence Award was established when then-California State University (CSU) Trustee Stanley T. Wang provided $1 million to recognize the remarkable contributions of four CSU faculty members and one staff member annually over a 10-year period. Each selected recipient received an award of $20,000.

In 2014, Trustee Emeritus Wang pledged a $300,000 gift to the CSU to reinstate the Wang Family Excellence Award, continuing this recognition for faculty and staff through 2017. And, at the January 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor Timothy P. White announced that Trustee Emeritus Wang had gifted an additional $2.5 million, allowing the Wang Family Excellence Award to continue in perpetuity.

Overview

The Wang Family Excellence Award recognizes and celebrates CSU faculty members who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary dedication and exemplary achievements in their academic disciplines, while significantly contributing to the success of students. A staff administrator is also recognized for outstanding performance in her or his university assignment.

The selection process for the award begins with each campus president nominating one probationary or tenured faculty member for each of the award categories. Award categories are:

a) Outstanding Faculty Innovator in Student Success;
b) Outstanding Faculty Scholarship;
c) Outstanding Faculty Service; and
d) Outstanding Faculty Teaching.

Campus presidents also nominate one staff administrator from their respective campuses for the Outstanding Staff Performance Award.
Nominations are considered by the Wang Family Excellence Award Selection Committee, appointed in fall 2021 by Chancellor Castro in consultation with Trustee Emeritus Wang. This committee includes two members of the Board of Trustees, the executive vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, the vice chancellor for Human Resources, chair of the Academic Senate CSU and a CSU faculty member who was previously awarded the Wang Family Excellence Award.

Nominees are reviewed and considered for selection based on the following criteria:

- Nominees should have made truly remarkable contributions to the advancement of their respective universities and/or the CSU system.
- Nominees should have a demonstrated record of unusually meritorious achievements documented by evidence of superior accomplishments and contributions to their academic discipline or university assignment.
- A nominee’s activities must advance the mission of the university, bring benefit and credit to the CSU and contribute to the enhancement of the CSU’s excellence in teaching, learning, research, scholarly pursuits, student support and community contributions.

The Wang Family Excellence Awards will be presented virtually at the January 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.