

Pathway Goal: Student Achievement

Action Item #
3-2

Report:
 Mid-Year: December 2016
 Year-End: April 2017

Action Item Description:

Develop the funding and standards for teaching excellence awards.

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Provide a written overview of the year-long process for your working group.

Participants met in three groups to review applicants for teaching awards and to assess/improve the process for each award: 1) Foundation/Regents', 2) Spanos, 3) Scholarship of Teaching & Learning. Each group engaged in three activities: 1) reviewing and scoring applications, 2) discussing relative merits and selecting recipients, 3) evaluating and improving the process (for the call, application materials, scoring/evaluation, recognition, publicity, and sharing of materials with broader UNLV audience and beyond)

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2016-17 Accomplishments

- Revised the process for the Spanos and Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Awards (call, application materials, scoring/evaluation, recognition, publicity, and sharing of materials with broader UNLV audience and beyond)
- Established new Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award (SoTL) with up to two recipients per year, with funding of \$2K per award. To cultivate an ecology of SoTL at UNLV, we also established SoTL start-up mini-grants.

Recommendations

- Follow similar steps to improve UNLV's process for Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award (if any flexibility is allowed by Regents' procedures).
- Seek funds to increase number of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Awards from 2 to 4. (1 each for Humanities/Arts, Social Sciences, STEM faculty, and one for a Part-Time Instructor.)

2017-18 Next steps

- **What should the goals / activities be for the subcommittee?**
- **Who should be responsible?**

Goals: follow similar process to review remaining university level teaching awards
Responsible: leader of UNLV's teaching support services

Please review the list below and “X” the appropriate box(es).

- Potential resources required
additional funding to sustain 2 additional \$2K Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Awards
- Any reports generated by this working group
- Metrics to be used
- No additional reference material

Any additional information you wish to share.