

## Faculty Council Award for Shared Governance (DRAFT)

### Purpose

To recognize (and thus, one hopes, to encourage) individuals and/or groups who have demonstrated a commitment to and excellence in shared governance on the MU campus.

Up to two awards will be given each year (one individual, one group).

1. The **Individual Award** recognizes a member of the MU community who has made a significant contribution to shared governance. The award may recognize either a particularly exemplary instance or a longstanding record of engagement.
2. The **Group Award** recognizes a committee, division, department, or other collective of university members that has made a significant contribution to shared governance. Like the individual award, it may recognize either an exemplary instance or a longstanding record of engagement.

### Eligibility

The *individual award* may be awarded to any member of the MU campus (faculty, staff, administrator, student). Current Faculty Council members are not eligible for recognition.

The *group award* may go to a committee, division, department, or other recognizable collective of MU campus members. Faculty Council standing committees are not eligible for recognition, though a committee that includes a member (or members) of Faculty Council and/or Faculty Council appointees may be considered for recognition.

### Nominations

Members of Faculty Council, as well as the awards committee themselves, may make nominations for the individual and group awards.

Nomination materials will include:

- *For both categories:* A nomination letter describing the activity or activities that qualify the candidate for nomination. The letter should also specifically address the impact of the nominee's contributions to shared governance.
- *For individual award:* A recent CV –or– list of shared governance-related activities, with roles and dates where possible
- *For group award:* A description of the committee/division/department's responsibilities, tasks and/or charges (preferably a formal/"official" one), plus a list of its current members. The list may include notable former members, if the nominator believes relevant.

*All nominations and supporting materials must be submitted to the FC Vice Chair (who serves as award committee chair) by March 15th (see below).*

**Awards committee**

The awards committee shall consist of the FC vice chair (who will serve as the committee chair) and two other current members of Faculty Council. Any voting member of Faculty Council may serve on the committee; the two committee members shall be approved by the full Council early in the spring semester.

The awards committee will accept nominations through March 15th of the spring semester, after which they will meet to discuss the applications. The committee will determine the awardee(s), then present their choices to the full Council for a vote of approval. The vote should take place by the end of March/early April such that that the announcement of the award winners can be made no later than the final Faculty Council meeting of the spring semester (though it may be made before).

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