

The Faculty Awards work group met recently and accomplished the following tasks:

1. Reviewed work group charge, current awards structure, and revisions proposed by FAPC in Spring 2008;
2. Discussed a timeline for developing the proposal. The work group hopes to have a draft finished by the April committee meeting;
3. Shared informal discussions with faculty peers on strengths and weaknesses of the current award system;
4. Agreed that the basic structure (type and number of awards) should remain the same. Primary changes will be to make the award application process simpler and more consistent across awards to encourage a greater number of submissions.

The work group is working to schedule its next meeting during the week of March 16th. Prior to the next meeting, Jeff has an appointment to speak with Amy Amason to discuss the Foundations support of the awards system. All other work group members will review 2-3 peer institution's award systems to find successful models that we might learn from.

The work group would like input from the committee on one question: How should "faculty" be defined for the purposes of these awards? Should only full-time, tenured/tenure-track faculty be included or should it be expanded to the broader Corps of Instruction which would include full-time non-tenure track lecturers/instructors.