

**TO:** Academic Senate  
**FROM:** Erik Brunvand, University Teaching Committee Chair  
**DATE:** May 10, 2017  
**RE:** University Teaching Committee Final Report 2016-2017

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## University Teaching Committee Final Report 2016-2017

The formal charge to the Teaching Committee reads as follows:

*Encourages the efforts of faculty members, departments, and colleges to improve individual teaching skills, devise effective teaching techniques, recognize and reward superior achievements in teaching; makes recommendations concerning University Teaching Grants, Early Career Teaching Award, the Calvin S. & JeNeal N. Hatch Prize in Teaching; John R. Park Teachers' Fellowships, and Distinguished University Teaching Awards; reports to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.*

The University Teaching Committee (UTC) met monthly to consider issues pertaining to excellence in instruction at the University, to evaluate and award proposals for innovative teaching, and to administer the evaluation of nominees and the recommendation of awards that recognize excellence in teaching.

### 2016-2017 Committee Roster

Erik Brunvand, *Chair*  
Peter Alfeld, *Science*  
Aniko Csirmaz, *Humanities*  
Stephen Goldsmith, *Architecture + Planning*  
Kristine Jordan, *Health*  
Heather Melton, *Social & Behavioral Science*  
Krystal Moorman, *Pharmacy*  
Patrick Panos, *Social Work*  
Erich Petersen, *Geology and Geophysics*  
Marnie Powers-Torrey, *J. Willard Marriott Library*  
Jeff Schwartz, *Law*  
Debra Simmons, *School of Medicine*  
Kathy Sward, *Nursing*

Connie Wilkerson, *Fine Arts*  
Alayna Williamson, *School of Business*  
Irene Yoon, *Education*

#### ***Ex Officio Members:***

Ruth V. Watkins, *Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
Kathryn Stockton, *Interim Associate Vice President for Equity and Diversity*  
David Kieda, *Dean for the Graduate School*  
Martha Bradley, *Sr. Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies*

## Awards for 2016-2017

### ***University Teaching Grants***

The Teaching Committee reviewed 51 applications for University Teaching Grants of which 23 were awarded (45%). Of those awarded, there were 13 individual grants and 10 group teaching grants. A total of \$92,730.28 was awarded, with an average individual award of \$2,446.77 and an average group award of \$6,092.23.

### ***Distinguished Teaching Award***

There were 15 nominees for this award. The recipients of the University Distinguished Teaching Award for 2017 are:

David Morton	<i>Neurobiology &amp; Anatomy</i>
Jordan Gerton	<i>Physics &amp; Astronomy</i>
Kristen Keefe	<i>Pharmacology &amp; Toxicology</i>
Rebecca Utz	<i>Sociology</i>

### ***Early Career Teaching Award***

There were 14 nominees for this award. The recipients of the 2017 award are:

Gretchen Case	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
Erin Castro	<i>Educational Leadership &amp; Policy</i>
Timothy Brusseau	<i>Health, Kinesiology &amp; Recreation</i>
Erin Carraher	<i>Architecture</i>

### ***John R. Park Fellowships***

There was one applicant for this award. The 2017 recipient of the John R. Park Fellowship is:

Maximilian Werner	<i>Writing &amp; Rhetoric Studies</i>
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### ***Calvin S. and JeNeal N. Hatch Prize in Teaching***

There were three nominees for the Hatch Prize. The recipients of the 2017 award is:

Robert Mayer	<i>Family &amp; Consumer Studies</i>
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Respectfully,



Erik Brunvand, Chair

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