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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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

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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  Neurobiology & Anatomy
- Jordan Gerton  Physics & Astronomy
- Kristen Keefe  Pharmacology & Toxicology
- Rebecca Utz  Sociology

Early Career Teaching Award
There were 14 nominees for this award. The recipients of the 2017 award are:

- Gretchen Case  Internal Medicine
- Erin Castro  Educational Leadership & Policy
- Timothy Brusseau  Health, Kinesiology & Recreation
- Erin Carraher  Architecture

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

- Maximilian Werner  Writing & Rhetoric Studies

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  Family & Consumer Studies

Respectfully,

Erik Brunvand, Chair

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