

Academics Committee Meeting, Apr 22 2004

Attendance:

Jeff Berghorson

Julie Fry

Allen Drummond

Catherine Ward

Amir Sadjapour

Sheri Suyu (teaching awards)

Julie Fry – write up 1 paragraph on lab review and send to Lauren for GSC annual report (look at last year's and see if I wrote something up)

Next year: Amir will no longer be on this committee (too busy)

Jeff no longer on BOD, will withdraw from ELS

Allen and Catherine will continue to be on this committee

Julie F. will, too since Lab Review reports to acad committee)

Catherine will probably chair GRB, so she couldn't do both

We need a new chair! Will Lauren come back?

Academics committee: mainly ELS, course reviews, teaching awards, lab reviews

Jeff will push the course reviews website

Amit: teaching awards, process is organized to pass on to the next person. There were a larger number of nominations this year.

Need more nominations for TAs and mentors. More advertising needed. Maybe too much apathy? Is it worthwhile to keep up? If it will be advertised in the course review – will get more publicity. Also, get into undergrad system. No cash prize- maybe try to get it to be a cash prize. Could we make this into an award given by the campus, not the GSC

Important to have a student-run prize because Feynman prize subject to politics. Anyone want to take this on??

Everhardt Lecture Series

Last talk 2 weeks from today – Shane Ross interplanetary transport system

Course reviews

Jeff working on this. Scott Fraser has put together a new proposal. Online system instead of current course review system. Maybe next year system will be in place. Starting with core courses. Jeff will get involved with next Q committee to see what's up.

Sheri- there are a few more TA, mentor awards. Deadline is May 28. will be awarded in June. Another announcement will go out nearer the deadline.
Will keep TA award the same for this year, then try to have cash prize? Sheri will be in charge of it for next year.

New registrar: REGIS system, seems to be working well. (online registration)
Should we set up a meeting?

Lab Review: will update in summer after new grads.

Julie F. will update website: members.