

Engineering Awards Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2007, 9:00 a.m., room 1007 Kemper Hall

Attended: Mark Grismer, Craig Benham, Jim Shackelford for Bruce Gates, Tim Ginn, Khaled Abdel-Ghaffar, Yin Yeh for Atul Parikh, Xin Liu and Mohamed Hafez.

The meeting began with a brief review of the awards review and voting process previously emailed to committee members by Chair Tim Ginn. This process involved separate reviewing subcommittees for each faculty award. The discussion of each faculty award was led by the respective sub committee, and involved all committee members including nominee department colleagues. Committee members were unanimous in their recommendations for each category, including two nominees for the Junior Faculty Award that were forwarded to the Dean for his final decision.

During the discussions regarding the Faculty Teaching Award a concern was raised regarding the information included in student evaluation forms. Members discussed how useful information such as faculty attendance and adherence to the course syllabus, which is not part of the information retrieved currently on the student evaluation forms, might be when evaluating an instructor's effectiveness. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting of this committee with a recommendation forwarded to the Executive Committee for further evaluation.