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Committee on Teaching (COT)
MINUTES
May 6, 2014, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Present: Charlie McDowell, *Chair*, Maria-Elena Diaz, Matthew McCarthy, Jim Phillips, *sits with*, Kirsten Silva-Gruesz, Anjali Dutt (Graduate Student Rep.), Suzanne Millward (ASO staff)

Absent with Notice: Michael Chemers

Forum Lightning Talks – Debriefing

COT was happy with the level of attendance and engagement at the event, however the committee was disappointed at the average age of attendees. The committee agreed that it is the younger instructors who needed this forum more than the tenured faculty. One member also mentioned that a few presentations said the same thing, however the committee was happy with the forum overall.

Excellence in Teaching Awards

The committee spent the remainder of the meeting determining the final nominations for the Excellence in Teaching and Ron Ruby awards. COT reviewed an absolutely outstanding pool of nominees, making it difficult to narrow the winners down to 6, including the Ron Ruby Award. In the end, the committee agreed to try and get funds to award an additional two nominees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.