AGENDA
HONORS AND AWARDS COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
2:00-4:00 p.m., ALN 296

1. Call to Order, Introductions

2. Discussion of Honorary Degree Packets [Discussant]
   a. Rose Anne Bowers (EDU) (Johanna Lasonen)
   b. Patricia Brennan (ENG) (Elias Stefanakos)
   c. Phillip Furman (CAS) (Razven Teodorescu)

3. Discussion of Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching & Service Award
   a. Kathleen Armstrong (COM) (Barbara Hansen)

4. Discussion of Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching & Service Award
   a. Kenneth Christensen (ENG) (Elias Stefanakos)
   b. Johnny ElRady (CAS) (Jianjun Pan)

5. Other Business

6. Adjourn

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 1:30-3:30 p.m., ALN 296.
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Present: Kamila Dell, Rachel Dubrofsky, Debra Friedrich, Melanie Griffin, Barbara Hansen, Johanna Lasonen, David Naar, Jianjun Pan, Lee Stefanakos

Ballot
Submitted: Lyndsay Boggess, Lei Wedge

Guest: Sarah Martin

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. after which introductions were made. Sarah Martin, Commencement Coordinator, has joined the council to replace Entela Balliu who is pursuing her doctorate full time.

Before beginning the discussions of the candidates, Rachel asked for clarification of the value of the Kosove awards as it pertains to the criteria. Barbara responded that a Kosove recipient becomes a member of a society to which its members contribute. Melanie added that the award promotes emphasis on teaching and community engagement. Barbara also clarified that the Honors and Awards Council (HAC) does not have to recommend any of the candidates for these awards if it determines the individuals do not meet the criteria as set forth by the Kosove Society.

DISCUSSION OF HONORARY DEGREE PACKETS

Three honorary degree nominations were received for the Spring 2017 Semester. Barbara reiterated that the HAC can recommend all, some, or none of the candidates. She also explained that honorary degree recipients can be recognized at either of the 3 Tampa commencements, but pointed out that the College of Medicine has its own commencement at which their honorary degree recipients are recognized. The HAC forwards its recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate and then to President Genshaft. Everything after that takes place between the president’s office and the candidates. In response to an inquiry, Sarah responded that it is the sponsoring college’s responsibility to pay for a candidate’s visit with some assistance from the president’s office. She added that the Commencement Office is primarily responsible for bringing in the candidate. Sarah will check on the role of the nominator at commencement.

To aid in the discussion, HAC members from the respective colleges presented summaries of the candidates.

a. RoseAnne Bowers – Johanna Lasonen

On behalf of the College of Education, Johanna presented a summary of Mrs. Bowers’ qualifications for an Honorary Doctor of Education. Some of the candidate’s highlights included, but were not limited to, the following: involvement in the USF community,
public service in Hillsborough School District and USF, promotion of student learning and teaching, K-12 and higher education experience, mentor of teachers in the field and in the school, created a scholarship for USF students, has national, statewide, regional and local recognition. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Mrs. RoseAnne Bowers for an Honorary Doctor of Education. The motion passed with one abstention.

b. Patricia Brennan – Lee Stefanakos

Dr. Brennan has had an illustrious career in nursing and engineering, working through the professional ranks of appointments in Nursing, Systems & Controls Engineering, and Sociology. She has held such titles as Staff Nurse and Professor of Nursing and Industrial Engineering. Significant honors have been bestowed upon Dr. Brennan as well. Her most recent nomination and appointment in 2016 was by the National Institutes of Health as the Director of the National Library of Medicine. In addition to numerous papers in refereed journals and proceedings, along with over 60 book chapters and books, her research has been funded by a wide range of external agencies such as the National Center for Nursing Research, NIH, Hartford Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and others. Dr. Brennan is also a Fellow/Member of a wide array of professional organizations. In summary, she has made major contributions to nursing and engineering technology which has impacted USF by the way in which it conducts its work in these areas.

There was a call to question, and discussion was held. Due to Dr. Brennan’s outstanding contributions to the fields of nursing and engineering, the council members were in favor of recommending her for a dual honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering and Nursing contingent upon the agreement of both college deans to co-sponsor her. Sarah was asked to check into whether or not this could be done. Lee will contact the dean of engineering to inform him of the council’s decision and ask that he contact the dean of nursing/public health.

To cover both recommendations, the first motion made and seconded was to approve Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering. The motion unanimously passed. A second motion was made and seconded that the Colleges of Engineering and Nursing consider the possibility of a joint honorary degree for Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan. The motion unanimously passed.

c. Phillip Furman – Jianjun Pan

Dr. Furman has been responsible for front line and cutting edge research. He is a distinguished alumni of USF, as well as a humanitarian scientist. His career in pharmaceuticals and co-inventor of drugs for treating herpes virus infections, HIV/AIDS, HCV (the virus responsible for hepatitis C), and AZT has garnered him profound appreciation by the scientific community. In addition to his many contributions to society and education, Dr. Furman has also received the Gertrude
Elion Memorial Award, the highest honor of the International Society for Antiviral Research. There being no further discussion of this candidate, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Phillip Furman for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science. The motion unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION OF KOSOVE DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE TEACHING & SERVICE AWARD CANDIDATE

a. Kathleen Armstrong (MCOM) – Barbara Hansen

Dr. Armstrong’s nomination was the only one received for this award. Highlights of her career included being an outstanding teacher of school and clinical psychology graduate students, a teacher of medical students and faculty, a trainer and mentor of graduate students, faculty, residents, and interns not only at USF but in Hillsborough County public schools. Dr. Armstrong has demonstrated use of innovative technology in teaching by developing a program through her grant from the Florida Department of Health and Early Steps. In addition, she has a great number of successful students. At this time, the floor was opened for discussion. It was pointed out that Dr. Armstrong also has been a strong advocate for the social-emotional health of young children and has worked diligently with local policy makers to promote services for children who are victims of abuse and trauma. She has been nationally recognized for this work. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Kathleen Armstrong for the 2017 Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award. The motion unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION OF KOSOVE DISTINGUISHED UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING & SERVICE AWARD CANDIDATES

Two nominations were received for this award: Dr. Kenneth Christensen from the College of Engineering and Dr. Johnny ElRady from the College of Arts and Sciences. Credentials for each candidate were discussed after which a discussion of both candidates took place. After an extensive and in-depth discussion, there was a call for a vote. By a show of hands, the council voted to recommend Dr. Christensen for the Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award. Dr. ElRady will be encouraged to reapply at a future date.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The next meeting of the HAC will be March 9th. In preparation for that meeting, Barbara asked the members to think of ways to shorten the effort of the nominators in preparing packets and to bring their ideas to the meeting to discuss.

2. David suggested that, using the rubrics for the service awards, each member present their own numbers for a numeric score for discussion before voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.