AGENDA
HONORS AND AWARDS COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
2:00-4:00 p.m., MSC 3700

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2018 meeting

3. Discussion of Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award Nominee (Discussant)
   a. Narasaiah Kolliputi (MCOM) – Florence Desrosiers

4. Discussion of Distinguished Service Award Nominees (Discussant)
   a. Robin Ersing (CAS) – Jianjun Pan
   b. Dennis Ledford (MCOM) – Barbara Hansen
   c. Paul Sanberg (Office of Research) – Barbara Hansen
   d. Michael Schoenberg (MCOM) – Florence Desrosiers

5. HAC Members as Award Candidates

6. Award Nominations from HAC Members

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn
Present: Lyndsay Boggess, Mya Breibtart, Florence Desrosiers, Rachel Dubrofsky, Barbara Hansen, Kamila Dell, Johanna Lasonen, Jeanne Travers

Ballot
Submitted: Debra Friedrich

Guest: Sarah Riordan, Commencement Office

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF ASKOUNES-ASHFORD DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD NOMINEE

Before opening the floor for discussion, Chair Hansen commented that this award was last given in 2013. The council needs to work on how to better disseminate award information, not just for this one but for all of the awards reviewed by this council.

Dr. Narasaiah Kolliputi, Allergy and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine, Morsani College of Medicine, was the only nomination received for the Askounes-Ashford Award. Dr. Desrosiers provided a synopsis of his accomplishments. He demonstrates excellent in research by publishing in high quality journals and has gained national and international acclaim for his contributions to the field of hyperoxic lung injury. Since his arrival at USF in 2010, Dr. Kolliputi has received more than $3 million dollars of funding for his outstanding research program in lung injury. He has published 52 papers since joining the Division of Allergy Immunology, and 46 since after becoming an Associate Professor. Beyond his professional duties, Dr. Kolliputi has acted as the Division’s Director of Research Education and the Director of the Pulmology Bioplogy program for the past seven years. In these roles, he has given countless hours of his time to organize and present seminars at USF. He has presented over fifteen invited lectures at USF alone. Additionally, Dr. Kollipoti has served USF as a member of several committees and councils including the Faculty Search Committee, the Student Affairs Council and the USF Morsani College of Medicine Faculty Council. In addition to his local service work, Dr. Kolliputi has been actively engaged both as a teacher and a mentor; each year he has taught a substantial number of courses and has instructed on a wide variety of subjects. He has taught sixteen unique classes for both graduate and medical students, serving as the course director for four, and has developed and coordinated a seminar course. He has mentored both predoctoral students during their lab rotations and undergraduate honors students during their thesis development. Under his guidance, many students have presented award winning posters on their thesis work during the annual USF Health Research Day. One of his former doctoral candidates won the USF Health Vice President’s Award for Outstanding Oral presentation in
His nomination was also supported by many professors from around the country who spoke highly of his accomplishments.

There being no further discussion of his qualifications, a motion was made and seconded to recommend Dr. Narasaiah Kolliputi as the 2018 recipient of the Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award. Due to her collaboration with Dr. Kolliputi, Chair Hansen abstained from voting. Therefore, the motion passed with one abstention.

DISCUSSION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES

The following nominations were received for consideration of this award:

Robin Ersing, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Public Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences

Dennis K. Ledford, M.D. is Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics and the Mabel and Ellsworth Simmons Professor of the Morsani College of Medicine

Michael Schoenberg, Ph.D., ABPP, Professor, Department of Neurosurgery and Brain Repair, Morsani College of Medicine

Paul Sanberg, Ph.D., System Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation & Knowledge Enterprise, University of South Florida.

After each candidate’s dossier was discussed in detail, a paper ballot was generated. The result was a tie vote between Drs. Ersing and Ledford. Therefore, Chair Hansen will put both candidates forward to the Faculty Senate for consideration of the Distinguished Service Award.

Following is a synopsis of qualifications for Drs. Ersing and Ledford:

Robin Ersing is deserving of the Distinguished Service Award for her tireless and selfless service to her profession, the university, and her community. She is an expert scholar and leader in the field of natural disasters. Notably, she has focused on serving vulnerable members of society, and she has taken a leadership role in social work on natural disasters. As one of her letter-writers notes, she is compassionate and giving to her community, serving those in need. Her service work is extensive, and extends internationally, particularly in terms of disaster relief plans. Dr. Ersing’s work with first responders has garnered media attention and is highly acclaimed. Of note, she founded the American Red Cross Club at USF, which was subsequently named by the Red Cross as the National Collegiate Model and has brought tremendous recognition to USF--her work has reflected positively on the USF community. USF is very lucky to have Dr. Ersing as a member of our faculty, and Dr. Ersing is highly recommended for the Distinguished Service Award.

Dennis K. Ledford established an allergy and immunology clinic at the Tampa Judeo-Christian Clinic in 1988, and has shown his relentless desire to provide quality care for those less fortunate --for some 40 years! Toward his profession, he has shown a devotion and commitment to the disciplines of allergy and immunology, and internal medicine, providing continuous service to his field for all of the past 40 years, serving on numerous committees and councils, and rising to
be President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, the premier organization for the field. He has also been awarded the Outstanding Clinician Award by the World Allergy Organization, just another piece of evidence of the honor accorded to him for his dedicated service. Dr. Ledford has been honored many times for his selfless service to both the College of Medicine and to his students and patients. In addition, he has been awarded the Department of Internal Medicine Faculty Award for Extraordinary Devotion a Skill in Teaching, the Volunteer of the Year award from the Volunteer Center of Hillsborough County, and the Hillsborough County Medical Society Recognition Award.

Dr. Ledford is unequivocally an example of the complete physician in serving his patients and in serving to advance the medical community. He has shown especially great dedication and warmth toward his many patients so needing of his special care over his many years at the Tampa Judeo-Christian Clinic. We recommend him as extraordinarily qualified to be awarded the USF Distinguished Service Award.

DISCUSSION ABOUT ASKOUNES-ASHFORD AWARD GUIDELINES

Council members discussed adding a definition of service to these guidelines. Chair Hansen will work on this definition to be circulated to the council members for comment. Once the HAC has approved the wording, it will be processed through the appropriate channels.

The council members were reminded of their responsibility to advertise all awards within their own colleges.

One area of particular concern for the members was the human consciousness part of the Ashford award and its origination. Ms. Pipkins was asked to research the reason for the language.

HAC MEMBERS AS AWARD CANDIDATES

Clarification was sought as to whether or not HAC members could apply for the awards which it reviews. It was agreed that HAC members can be nominated for any of the awards, but recuse themselves from the meeting in which their nomination would be discussed. In addition, the nomination packets for which he/she is applying would not be given to the HAC member during the review process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Hansen thanked all members for their assistance with the awards. She asked that those who were rotating off the council and not continuing to look within their college for a replacement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.