

University of Tennessee Faculty Senate
Teaching and Learning Council End of the Year Report, 2018-2019
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The Teaching and Learning Council's major task is to oversee the nominations and selection of the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching and Advising awards. Forty faculty members were nominated for the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Awards; ten faculty members were chosen as finalists, and four were chosen as winners. All nominees submitted a portfolio containing a CV, a statement of teaching philosophy, and a representative syllabus. Each finalist participated in three classroom observations, provided a syllabus and sample assignment for the observed class, and provided the names of students for the observers to contact. As always, it was challenging to narrow the pool down to the four winners. The names and biographies of our chosen faculty winners were forwarded to the Chancellor's Office in March, and the winners were publically announced at the Chancellor's banquet in April.

The Teaching and Learning Council also oversaw the selection of the recipients of the Chancellor's Excellence in Advising awards. We received thirty-four eligible nominations, and the selection committee (composed of prior winners) processed nomination materials and interviewed eight finalists. The committee recommended the four winners (two for professional advisor and two for faculty advisor) and sent the appropriate biographical materials to the Chancellor's office in March. These winners were publically announced at the Chancellor's banquet in April.

The TLC also coordinated a "Panel on Student Success and Access," led by Shea Kidd-Houz, Dean of Students; Karen Sullivan-Vance, Associate Vice Provost of Student Success; Wesley Smith, SGA; Cole Tipton, SEAT co-chair; and Ali Boggs, GSS. In addition, Samantha and Pat alternated attending the Student Success Summit in September and the follow-up meeting in January.

Recommendations for the 2019-2020 Teaching and Learning Council goals include the creation of a subcommittee to oversee the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching and Advising awards. The TLC also continues to recommend administrative support for the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching award and the continuation of the excellent administrative support for the Chancellor's Excellence in Advising award.