

**Report to the FSU Faculty Senate
Faculty Development Committee
2020-2021**

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Jason Noland, chair

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the work of the Faculty Development Committee focused on the following:

- 1) Worked with the interim Provost to solicit nominations for awards.
- 2) Reviewed 44 nominations for annual awards (several duplicates) to ensure eligibility in conjunction with HR.
- 3) Collected and reviewed award application materials, conducted relevant classroom observations, and reviewed scores to determine award recipients as follows:
 - a. Boram Award for Teaching Excellence – James Vassil
 - b. Harold & Roselyn Williamson Straight – Jim Davis and Ashley Shroyer
 - c. Faculty Recognition Award – Theresa Jones
 - d. Outstanding Adjunct – no nominations
- 4) Collected and reviewed proposals for the Foundation Fellow and Foundation grant, in conjunction with the Grant's Office to determine recipients as follows:
 - a. Foundation Fellow – Christy Haney
 - b. Foundation Grant – Kristy Henson
- 5) The Chair became aware that the Fairmont State Foundation had ceased funding for awards this year, and that they had the family from which the endowment was created for the Harold & Roselyn Williamson Straight Award is funded sign a new agreement. The original agreement had the funding split between FSU and Pierpont. The new agreement directs the money only to FSU, and directs it to student scholarships instead of this award beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year. For this reason, the committee received enough funds to give two (2) Harold & Roselyn Williamson Straight awards for its final year.
- 6) Following the events described in #5, the Chair of the committee has received a verbal commitment from President Martin and Interim Provost Stephens to build the award funding into line items within the FSU budget to ensure their continuance. Verbal agreement has also been made to establish a new award in place of the Harold & Roselyn Williamson Straight award with the same emphasis (innovation in teaching), as well as establishing the new award proposed last year – the Excellence in Online Teaching award. The Chair will be meeting with Interim Provost Stephens following the submission of this update to try to complete this work.