

**Report to the Personnel and Tenure Committee of  
The UNC Board of Governors**

**2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching  
Allocation and Distribution of Funds Report  
September 6, 2007**

The Board of Governors hosted its Thirteenth Annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching on Friday, May 11, 2007 at The Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill in the Hill Ballroom. The Personnel and Tenure Committee provided the oversight and coordination for the event. Members of the committee consisted of Mr. Charles Mercer, Jr., Chair, Dr. Dudley Flood, Vice Chair, Mr. Frank Grainger, Secretary, Ms. Hannah Gage, Mr. Peter Hans, Mr. Charles Norwood, and Dr. Patsy Perry. Nearly 200 people attended the event. Each award recipient invited five personal guests. Representatives from the campus community, the O. Max Gardner award winner, and UNC GA staff and administrators were in attendance. The luncheon was followed by the presentation of awards. President Bowles presented each recipient with an engraved bronze medallion and Chairman Phillips presented each recipient with a stipend in the amount of \$7,500. In addition, the 2007 O. Max Gardner Award Recipient, Dr. Trudy F.C. Mackay of North Carolina State University, was recognized for her outstanding contributions in her specialized field of genetics.

Emphasizing that teaching is the primary responsibility of each of the 16 constituent institutions of the University, the Board of Governors established the Awards for Excellence in Teaching in 1994. (See *UNC Policy Manual* 400.3.6 and 400.3.6.1 [G]). A sum of \$125,000 is allocated to the sixteen University of North Carolina campuses for campus-based teaching. Each institution receives \$6,500 with the smaller institutions (ECSU, FSU, NCCU, NCSA, UNCA, UNCP, and WSSU) receiving \$9,500. Campuses develop procedures to ensure all funds are used for annual teaching awards, including recognition of tenured and other faculty (i.e. graduate teaching assistants, NTT faculty).

To select recipients of the Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching, each campus has set up a special committee to oversee the process. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Board, each campus has reported on its internal distribution and use of these allocations for the teaching awards as described below.

Appalachian State University: **Dr. Melanie Greene**, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The University recognized six additional outstanding faculty from the University. One faculty member was awarded a stipend in the amount of \$1,500 and five others were awarded stipends in the amount of \$1,000 each. These faculty were honored at an on-campus luncheon where the Provost presented them with a stipend. Plans have been made to recognize these faculty members at the University's Annual Convocation in September, 2007. Also, the Hubbard Center for Faculty and Staff Support hosts a celebration in January for the previous year's recipients.

East Carolina University: **Matthew T. Mahar**, Associate Professor of Exercise and Sports, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching

recipient. A five person campus-wide selection committee was established to oversee the teaching award process. It is comprised of two members of the Academic Awards Committee, two faculty members appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and one faculty member appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate. Nominations were made by the faculty, students, administrators, and alumni as well as self-nomination by faculty members. Six faculty members received the Distinguished Professor for Teaching Awards in the amount of \$1,000. Two graduate teaching assistants each received a \$250 cash stipend. All winners were honored at the University-wide Teaching Awards Ceremony on April 24, 2007. Dr. Mahar was recognized in ECU's "Pieces of Eight" newsletter on June 8, 2007.

Elizabeth City State University: **Dr. Claudie J. Mackey**, Professor of Psychology, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. A teaching awards committee oversees the process. Faculty, students, and alumni participated in the nomination of all candidates for the awards. One faculty member from the Dept. of Chemistry and Physics received the Institutional First Runner-up Award accompanied by a \$2,500 stipend. One faculty member received the Second-Runner up Award accompanied by a \$2,000 stipend. Four departmental awards were given to one faculty member from the following departments: Biology, History, Psychology, and Social Sciences Department. The allocation and distribution of funds were expended on the cash awards made to the faculty and a luncheon was held on the campus for the 2007 teaching award winners.

Fayetteville State University: **Dr. Dianne White Oyler**, Associate Professor of History, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The campus selection committee also recognized outstanding faculty members in the following categories: FSU Teacher of the Year Award was given to one faculty member and was accompanied by a \$4,000 stipend and an engraved 12" x 15" plaque. It was presented to the recipient at FSU's Spring Commencement on May 14, 2007. Four faculty members from the College/School level received stipends in the amount of \$1,000 each and were presented with a 9"x12" engraved plaque. Eleven faculty members from the Departmental level received a \$500 stipend and plaque. The appropriation received from the Board of Governors coupled with Fayetteville State University's Funds account allowed for additional teaching awards. Winners were honored at an End-of-Year Celebration on May 14, 2007.

North Carolina A&T State University: **Dr. Mary A. Smith**, Associate Professor of Biology, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The Academy for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board oversees the process in selecting the Board of Governors teaching award nominee and solicits nominations for the Outstanding College/School Teaching Award. In September, 2006, the committee advertised the Teaching Awards by posting a notice on the University's web site and sought nominations from staff, faculty, alumni, and students. The committee received the portfolios and developed an evaluation instrument to rank the order of the teachers. The names were forwarded to the Chancellor for his consideration. Seven faculty members, one each from the Colleges/Schools, received a stipend in the amount of \$1,000 and a special citation. The winners were recognized by the Chancellor at the Annual Honors' Day Convocation activities on March 22, 2007. Winners were also recognized at the

springtime commencement exercises and were announced in *The Aggie Report* issue dated March 30, 2007.

North Carolina Central University: **Dr. Sylvia Jacobs**, Professor of History, was selected as the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. An ad-hoc committee provides oversight for the annual awards process. The campus recognized four outstanding faculty, who received a stipend in the amount of \$2,500 each. The campus purchased plaques for the award winners. The award winners were recognized at NCCU's commencement ceremony in May 2007. NCCU's bi-monthly newsletter, *NCCU today*, featured all the teaching awards winners in its May 2007 edition.

North Carolina School of the Arts: **Mr. John Toia**, Director of Stage Management, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The faculty selection committee, chaired by the 2006 BOG Teaching Award recipient, Christie Turbitt, solicited and reviewed nominations for this year's teaching awards. In January 2007, the selection committee recommended five nominees to receive campus teaching awards and one nominee to receive the Board of Governors teaching award. Five faculty, one from each School (Drama, Design & Production, Filmmaking, Music, and High School Programs), received stipends in the amount of \$1,900 for their outstanding teaching instruction and talent.

North Carolina State University: **Dr. William H. Swallow**, Professor of Statistics, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning under the direction of Dr. Alton Banks oversaw the teaching award process. Nine out of the ten colleges submitted nominations. The nine faculty members all received stipends in the amount of \$650 and were recognized at a luncheon convened in their honor. Two Assistant Teaching Awards were given in the amount of \$325. All the award winners names appeared in the commencement program. The BOG recipient, Dr. Swallow, was publicized in the May 2007 edition of the campus newsletter.

University of North Carolina at Asheville: **Dr. Melissa Himelein**, Professor of Psychology, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. UNCA funded five awards of \$1,750 to faculty for superior teaching. One award was given from each of UNCA's academic divisions (Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences). Five faculty received stipends in the amount of \$1,750 each. One award each was given from UNCA's academic divisions (Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences). In addition, an award was given for the distinguished non-tenured faculty member and one for the distinguished part-time faculty member totaling \$750.00.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: **Dr. Stephen Birdsall**, Professor of Geography, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The Office of the Provost posts information about the award process on its website. Nomination forms are available at the Office of the Provost or on-line. A selection committee is charged with screening the nominations and selecting the finalists. The allocation from the Board of Governors augmented by \$13,500 from University funds provided four faculty members with the Post-Baccalaureate Awards for

Distinguished Teaching. Each award winner received a \$5,000 stipend and was recognized at a banquet held at the Carolina Inn on April 11, 2007.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte: **Dr. James H. McGavran, Jr.**, Professor of English, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The committee who oversees the campus awards process schedules many publicity events on campus to spotlight several outstanding professors at the institution. One faculty member received the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching and a stipend in the amount of \$1,200. One faculty member from the College of Architecture and one faculty from the College of Education received a stipend of \$1,000 each; one part-time faculty member from the College of Arts & Sciences and two faculty members from Information Technology received stipends in the amount of \$500 each. Two faculty members from the College of Arts & Sciences Graduate School each received a \$400 stipend, and three faculty members from the College of Health and Human Services (clinical, undergrad, and graduate) each received a \$333 stipend. The names of the present and past recipients hang on a permanent engraved plaque in the Bonnie Cone University Center. All past BOG Teaching Award recipients from the campus are featured at an event highlighting excellent teaching for new members of the faculty. This year's award winners' names were published in the campus newspaper as well as local media.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro: **Dr. Kevin B. Lowe**, Associate Professor of Business Administration, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards Program has long been established to recognize excellent teaching at the University. The University defines teaching by outstanding success in facilitating student learning and interest, guiding and facilitating student research, making complex ideas and concepts understandable and meaningful, maintenance of high academic standards, and scholarship or artistic accomplishment. The allocation of \$6,500 was expended with seven awards made available to outstanding teaching. One faculty member from the College of Arts & Sciences and UNCG's six professional schools all received awards. The award in the Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics was shared by two outstanding faculty members. All award winners were recognized at the University's Commencement ceremony on May 12, 2007.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke: **Dr. José D'Arruda**, Professor of Physics, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The University Awards committee oversees the awards process. It is comprised of faculty members representing the five academic divisions of the University: Arts, Education, Letters, Natural Science and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The committee chair is appointed by the Faculty Senate Chair. Five faculty members were recognized for outstanding teaching at the University. These faculty members were recognized at the Faculty Appreciation Dinner held by the Chancellor on May 4, 2007. Each received a plaque and a stipend in the amount of \$1,900. Their names were engraved on a large plaque donated by the Alumni Association which contains the names of all the past award winners. UNCP's Public Information Office prepared media releases about the award winners.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington: **Dr. Sherrill V. Martin**, Professor of Music, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. Five Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards are given to outstanding faculty members. Each received a stipend in the amount of \$1,500. The additional monies are provided through UNCW's Endowment Trust. Through UNCW's institutional resources, three faculty members received the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Awards, one received the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award, and six Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards were distributed which carried a stipend of \$250. The campus posts the winners' names on their website and acknowledges them at spring Commencement.

Western Carolina University: **Dr. Julia A. Barnes**, Associate Professor of Mathematics, was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. At WCU, the Myron L. Coulter Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning provides support for the teaching awards and has worked to improve teaching across the campus. A seven member selection committee selects the award recipients. The committee is comprised of one representative from each of the undergraduate colleges, one representative of the Graduate Faculty, one representative from the Alumni Association, and a committee chair. Each of the four undergraduate colleges received an award stipend of \$1,000. The deans of the colleges were directed to distribute the funds as they and faculty in the colleges deemed appropriate to recognize and support excellence in teaching. In addition, one recipient received the Collaborative Education Experience Award and a stipend of \$2,500. WCU's Office of Public Relations posted an article recognizing Dr. Barnes's accomplishments.

Winston-Salem State University: **Dr. Irene Phillips**, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy was named the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipient. The Faculty Awards Committee receives nominations for the University's annual excellence in teaching awards. The committee reviewed the portfolios and videos and observed classroom instruction for each nominee. Ultimately, one name is submitted to the Interim Chancellor who then forwarded the name to the President's office. Five faculty members who demonstrate superb teaching received awards of \$1,500. Two faculty received the Distinguished Research Award which carried a stipend in the amount of \$2,000, and one faculty member was awarded the Wachovia Excellence in Teaching Award. It carries a stipend in the amount of \$4,500. The WSSU teaching awards is supplemented by Wachovia Bank. The Interim Chancellor and Provost presented each award recipient a stipend and certificate of recognition at the Faculty Awards Luncheon on April 26, 2007, which was attended by the award winners and their families and guests.

The University Affairs Office at UNC General Administration sent press releases to state-wide media with a photo and citation of each of the 2007 Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching recipients. The information is also posted on the UNC General Administration website at

[http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/pres/news/releases/pr2007/20070424\\_teaching awards.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/pres/news/releases/pr2007/20070424_teaching_awards.htm)

Photos from the Luncheon are posted on the UNC website at:

[http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/departments/faculty\\_support/bogawards/luncheon2007.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/departments/faculty_support/bogawards/luncheon2007.htm)

A Program from the event is retained in the Office of the Secretary.

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