

MEMORANDUM

To: Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Assembly of Representatives

From: ETCS Assembly Awards Selection Committee

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Subject: 2016 College of ETCS Award Selections

The committee met on Monday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 31, 2016 to review the applications for the ETCS Excellence Awards. The work of the Committee is governed by Assembly Document 90-1, "College Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Service or Research," amended March 1, 2010. The committee suggests the ETCS Assembly to review and revise the Criteria for Selection of Excellence in Teaching award so that Tenured and Tenure-track faculty vs. non-tenure track faculty without research responsibility can be clearly distinguished.

The results of the meeting are as follows:

Excellent in Service Award (Dr. Suleiman Ashur): There was only one application for excellence in service. The committee unanimously selected Dr. Suleiman Ashur, Professor of Civil Engineering, to receive the award for excellence in service. He demonstrated excellence in services to the IPFW, the College of ETCS, the Civil Engineering program and the Department of engineering, the American Society of Civil Engineering, and the Communities.

Excellent in Research Award (Dr. Dong Chen): There was only one application for excellence in research. Dr. Dong Chen, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, demonstrated excellence in research in several ways, including one US patent and one new US patent applied, published twelve scholarly work including six peer-reviewed papers in journals of high impact factor (average impact factor 4.017), one book chapter, and five refereed conference proceedings/publications, research grants and funding (\$340,800), NSF proposal reviewer/panelist (2014 to 2016), and many research endeavors in progress. The committee unanimously selected him to receive the award for excellence in research.

Excellent in Teaching Award (Dr. Chao Chen): There were two competitive applications for excellent in teaching. The committee felt that the two applications are very strong and competitive. The committee casted votes and selected Dr. Chao Chen, Associate Professor of Computer Engineering, to receive the award of excellence in teaching. She demonstrated excellence in teaching through multiple measurements, including course instruction improvement and innovation, involvement of undergraduate students in research and creative endeavors, student design advising, two publications related to teaching, CELT grants for teaching improvement, and the IPFW Chapter of Sigma Xi 2015 Science Teacher award.