

**ACADEMIC STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (PDRC)  
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**Committee members**

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**Professional Development Grants**

Each semester the PDRC reviews and selects proposals for academic staff professional development matching grants. Ongoing funds for these grants are provided by the UW System. In the fall 2005 semester, 55 grant proposals were reviewed and 43 were funded for a total of \$29,688. In the spring 2006 semester, 39 grant proposals were reviewed and 21 were funded for a total of \$17,239.

**Excellence Awards**

Each year the PDRC reviews nominations and selects recipients of UW-Madison academic staff excellence awards. In addition, the PDRC reviews nominations for UW-System and Regent awards and selects nominations to forward to UW-System and Regent committees. This year Martha Casey very generously funded a new award for Dedication to Excellence and she worked with PDRC members to define the award and select its first recipient. The Provost provided funding for award statues.

The following awards were given to UW-Madison academic staff this year:

Chancellor's Hilldale Award for Excellence in Teaching - Jamie Henke, Dept of Liberal Studies and the Arts

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research - Independent Investigator - Curtis Smith, Dept of Population Health Sciences

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research - Providing Critical Support - Mary Rabaglia, Dept of Biochemistry

Robert Heideman Award for Excellence in Public Service - Rick Brooks, Division of Continuing Studies

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service to the University - Jean Phillips, Space Science and Engineering Center

WAA Award for Excellence in Leadership - College, School or Larger University Community Level - Meredith Ross, Law School

WAA Award for Excellence in Leadership - Within a Unit - Rita Hohlstein, Waisman Center

Martha Casey Award for Dedication to Excellence - Eileen Hanneman, Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies

The following nominations were chosen to be forwarded to UW-System award committees:

Regents Excellence Award - Gary Brown, Ddirector of Planning & Landscape Architecture,  
Division of Facilities Planning and Management

Alliant Energy UnderfoflerUnderkofler Excellence in Teaching Award - Nete Schmidt, Visiting  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Scandinavian Studies.

Regents Teaching Excellence Award - Richard Appen, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual  
Sciences

### **Executive Education grants**

Through the generosity of the School of Business, significantly reduced-price course enrollment grants are available to academic staff who wish to take courses in the Executive Education Program. Applications are reviewed by a subcommittee of the PDRC. This year's recipients and their courses are:

1. Peter Kaufman, DoIT--Project Management: Planning, Scheduling and Control
2. Theresa Regge, University Health Services--Advanced Negotiation Skills for Managers
3. Guy Stalnaker, DoIT--Project Management Course
4. Greta Zenner, Materials Research Science and Engineering Center--Basic Management Unit I: Leading and Working with People

### **Committee Expansion**

Due to expansion of the committee workload, the PDRC requested the addition of three elected members to increase the size of the committee from nine to twelve. The request was granted and terms were staggered so from now on each year four members' terms will expire.

### **Barry Robinson Memorial**

The PDRC commissioned a portrait of Barry Robinson, an academic staff leader for many years and co-chair of the Professional Development and Recognition Committee when he died unexpectedly last year. The portrait was funded by donations from academic staff and Barry's portrait now hangs in the Barry Robinson Memorial Student Lounge in Vilas Hall.