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Issue

A summary of the Students' Unions plans for our Student Led Teaching Awards (The Transforming Teaching Awards).

Recommendation

Recipients are invited:
To note the plans for the Students' Union
To send comments to the author

Resource Implications

The resource implications would be covered by the Students' Union.

Risk Implications

Risk Implications are not applicable for the University.

Equality and Diversity

It is not envisaged that any of the recommendations contained in the report will impact on groups with protected characteristics.

Timing of decisions

LTC do not need to make a decision on this paper.

Further Information

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Background

Student led teaching awards benefit and engage the university community by recognising and raising the profile of good teaching and empowering students to get involved with improving teaching and learning. They also generate an evidence base for what students recognise as good teaching practice. They are held in many other Universities throughout the UK such as Oxford, Exeter and Anglia Ruskin University and they are growing in popularity. UEA Students' Union will introduce these in 2014/15 and grow them over the next three years.

The QAA in Chapter B5: Student engagement looks for a range of opportunities for any student to engage in educational enhancement and quality assurance, as well as the chance for students and staff to jointly recognise the enhancements made to the student educational experience. Student Led Teaching Awards allow students to get involved in educational enhancement in a different way, and provide a chance for the University community to celebrate innovation in teaching and learning.

UEA currently hold Teaching Awards, detailed here: <https://www.uea.ac.uk/learningandteaching/staff/teaching/recognition>. These can be nominated by any past or current UEA staff or student (or other) and criteria are very broad. Nominees are asked to submit a portfolio of evidence, and prizes are selected by an awards panel. These differ to our awards which will not require evidence from the nominee. Instead, our student panel will consider the content and quality of nominations against the awards criteria.

NUS offers extensive advice and case studies on Student Led Teaching Awards: <http://www.studentledteachingawards.org.uk/>

Discussion

Our Student Led Teaching Awards will be called the *Transforming Teaching Awards* and they will take place in the Spring Semester.

We will have the following categories:

Faculty awards for the most:

- Innovative teaching
 - Teaching which involves creative and new ways of using technology or teaching methods, including new and exciting forms of assessment and feedback.
- Inspiring teaching
 - Teaching which inspires students to get involved in their education, either through student representation or through shaping their own learning and their degree.
- Inclusive teaching
 - Teaching which takes into consideration different learning needs and styles, and which has a diverse and socially conscious curriculum.

University-wide:

- Best support staff (4 awards across the University)
 - Member of Support Staff (Library, IT, Dean of Students, ARM, Registry, Hubs, Careers, Catering, Estates, Security etc) who is friendly, helpful and supportive of students and works with students to improve their service.

There will be four stages of our awards:

Nominating: Students will be invited to nominate staff through an online form embedded in our website. We will publicist this through Student Reps as well as the usual Students' Union channels (Newsletters etc). We invite the schools to join us in publicising these as they are relevant to all students and staff.

Shortlisting and awards panels: Panels will be assembled by faculty with the Faculty Convenor and two reps per school – SSLCs will be invited to put two students forward. These panels will consider all nominations and select a winner for each category, as well as the Support Staff category.

Awards ceremony: This will be held at the end of the semester in the LCR and will be a student-led event to celebrate great teaching at UEA.

Report: We will create a report outlining what students recognise as good teaching at UEA, with recommendation for the next academic year, which will be disseminated to staff and students via our usual communication channels and incorporated to our education and engagement work over the next academic year.

Attachments

No Attachments.