

Resolution to fund Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award

Proposed by Chair of Faculty Senate Awards Committee Dr. Steven Scher,
with Faculty Senate Chair Todd Bruns, Vice-Chair Dr. Jeff Stowell, and Recorder Dr. Nichole Mulvey

WHEREAS, the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award, established in 2004 to commemorate Dr. Luis Clay Mendez, is one of the most prestigious honors available to EIU faculty, and;

WHEREAS, the award recognizes the value and importance of faculty service to the university, academic professions, and the community at large, and;

WHEREAS, the award was initially established without the monetary support to provide a financial award, and;

WHEREAS, the "Agreement Creating and Administering the Distinguished Faculty Award" is now generating an annual disbursement that easily funds that award, with extra monies available, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that Faculty Senate approves the following revision to the "Agreement Creating and Administering the Distinguished Faculty Award," to be sent to the Foundation Board for approval upon passage, revising the existing language of the agreement from:

- "3. Said Foundation shall, upon the order of the Chair of the Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee, pay annually one or two awards. The minimum award shall be \$500. If the Committee selects only one recipient, at the discretion of the authorizing agent (Chair of Faculty Senate):
- a. the award may be increased from the minimum described above.
 - b. excess earnings after the award may be returned to the fund as corpus or may be used to promote and support the award. Such uses include, but are not limited to, plaques, advertisements, press releases, and reception expenses."

to:

- "3. Said Foundation shall, upon the order of the Chair of the Faculty Senate Awards Committee, pay annually one or two Distinguished Faculty Awards. This shall be in the amount of \$1000 for each award.
Said Foundation shall, also, upon the order of the Chair of the Faculty Senate Awards Committee, pay annually one Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award. This shall be in the amount of \$500.
- a. Excess earnings after the awards shall be applied to providing the minimum total needed for a potential three awards in the amount of \$2500 annually.
 - b. Additional excess earnings beyond the amount needed to secure a potential \$2500 for the awards may be returned to the fund as corpus or may be used to promote and support the award. Such uses include, but are not limited to, plaques, advertisements, press releases, and reception expenses."