

President of the Faculty Senate

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Andrew Wright, President of the UALR Assembly and Faculty Senate Contract 13 Waits

SUBJECT: Interpretation of Senate Legislation: Faculty Excellence Awards

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The Faculty Excellence Awards, defined in Policy 403.8, indicate that "Persons may not receive an award of the same category for a period of three years."

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee was asked to clarify this language.

- 1. If a person earned an award in one college and moved to a different college, that does not shorten the time period of eligibility. Even though awards are given by college, the eligibility is by category.
- 2. The period of three years between awards begins with the receipt of the previous award and ends with the receipt of the next award. For counting purposes, semesters rather than days should be used, in the event that the awards ceremony may occur a few days earlier in one year than another. This means that six academic semesters must elapse between receipt of the previous award and the receipt of the second award.

For example, if Professor X received an award in Spring 2012, then this professor could be nominated in Fall 2014 to receive an award in Spring 2015.