

Angus Gilbert Distinguished Colleague Award

Preamble

Professor Angus Gilbert (History) died of cancer in 1993 after a long and distinguished career at Laurentian University. Angus was a widely recognized scholar, a popular teacher, and was widely respected for his service to the university both as a Senior administrator and as LUFA Chief Negotiator. News of his imminent death shocked and saddened the Laurentian community. To honour his contribution and to reflect the high regard in which he was held, Laurentian created a new academic award. The award, recognizing excellence across a broad range of contributions to the university, was defined by Angus Gilbert's career. That award, the Distinguished Colleague Award, was presented to Angus at the spring convocation shortly before his death. At the request of the Award Committee it was renamed the Angus Gilbert Distinguished Colleague Award following his death.

Eligibility

The Laurentian Distinguished Colleague Award will be offered on special and rare occasions to the individual who, over the course of a career at Laurentian University, has made consistent and significant contributions in several areas, normally including university governance, scholarship and classroom teaching.

University Governance: The individual will ordinarily have held numerous positions at several levels, and be recognized by both administrators and faculty members as exceptional.

Scholarship: The individual will have been active through career-long publications and research.

Teaching: The individual will have shown commitment to students and dedication to the profession of teaching itself.

Because of the Award's distinctive and unique character, it will be awarded infrequently.

Criteria

The recipient of the award must:

- have been successful in several areas of university governance, research and teaching;
- have the support of several constituencies -- for example, students, peers, alumni, and administrators, rather than only a single constituency;
- be judged "outstanding", rather than merely "very good";
- have had a significant effect upon the university community in its development.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed of:

- President of the University (or designate) as Chair
- Chairperson of the Board of Governors (or designate)
- Two nominees of the Laurentian University Faculty Association, at least one of whom will be a full professor with at least ten years of service at Laurentian University;
- One student nominated jointly by the student associations

Procedures

- Sponsor(s) must obtain the nominee's written consent.
- Nominations will be accepted from any two people who could be faculty, staff, administrators and/or students of any department, and/or member of the board at Laurentian University. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Members of the Selection Committee are not eligible to make nominations.
- No standard form of submission is required. It is the nominators' responsibility to provide sufficient evidence from as many sources as possible, to make it clear that outstanding work deserving of recognition has been done. Supporting documentation should include at minimum:
 - 1) Supporting letters from current/recent student and one alumnus who will speak to teaching;
 - 2) Supporting letters from two academic peers, that address the candidate's general contribution to the University;
 - 3) Supporting letters from two peers that address scholarly activity;
 - 4) Supporting letters from at least one senior administrator and one representative of LUFA.
- The Award will be bestowed only when evidence of outstanding performance is found.
- Letters of nomination with full supporting documentation should be sent to the Office of the Vice-President, Academic before May 1, 2000.
- The successful candidate will be honoured at the Spring Convocation.

Award

- The award will be in the form of a scholarship in the recipient's name in the amount of \$20,000.