

Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee

Annual Report 2013-2014

To: Dan Edge, Faculty Senate President
Date: July 16, 2014
From: Dave Berger, Chair
Subject: Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee Annual Report

The members of the 2013-2014 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee (FRAC) were Dave Berger (Chair), Kate Halischak, Melinda Manore, Mark Porrovecchio, and Eric Weber. Dave Berger will continue to serve as the non-voting chair through 2015. Melinda Manore, and Mark Porrovecchio are expected to continue to serve on the committee for the coming academic year.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, FRAC evaluated 47 nominations for the 16 awards under FRAC's review. This number appears substantially greater than the 27 received during the previous academic year. Further, FRAC received 39, 40, and 39 nominations during academic years 2011-2012, 2010-2011, and 2009-2010, respectively. The 47 nominations this year appears potentially larger than the average over the recent academic years. It is possible that the recent low of 27 in the previous year reflected a transition period to the electronic nomination process.

FRAC has worked to increase the number of nominations received. Previously, FRAC has transitioned to an electronic nomination process. Further, as recommended in the previous annual report, FRAC reorganized the nomination webpage to clearly identify awards that are, and are not, under FRAC's review, as well as to identify the nomination deadline. It is too early to determine if these changes were successful, or if the high number of nominations received this year was an anomaly. Anecdotally, the FRAC chair does report receiving a smaller number of queries regarding the nomination process during academic year 2013-2014 relative to previous years.

FRAC did not successfully identify a co-chair during academic year 2013-2014. FRAC will make this a priority for the coming academic year.

Membership

Dave Berger, Chair '15	College of Business
Kate Halischak '14	Academics for Student Athletes
Jim Hoffman '14	Dining Centers
Melinda Manore '15	Nutrition
Mark Porrovecchio '15	Speech Communication
Eric Weber '16	College of Education

Student Member – TBA

Executive Committee Liaison – Donna Chastain

Dave Berger