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TO: Henry Sayre, Faculty Senate President
FROM: Christian Stehr, Chair, Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee
DATE: August 6, 2001
RE: Annual Report

The members of the 2000-2001 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee (FRAC) were as follows: Margaret Burnett, Robin Rosetta, Mary Flahive, James Coakley, Debbie Jimmerson, Shayla Sharp (student member) and Christian Stehr (chair).

In addition to selecting the recipients of the 2000 Faculty Senate awards for which the Committee is responsible, its main accomplishments this year included:

- Increasing the numbers of nominees through a targeted campaign.
- Identifying candidates for the U.S. Professor of the Year, the so-called CASE award (jointly sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education).
- Finding a permanent funding source for the new Professional Faculty Award.
- Revising guidelines for individual awards (wherever existing language caused confusion for nominators this year).

Each of these tasks is described in more detail below.

- Increase in Nominations: In past years, it was sometimes not possible to bestow all of the Faculty Senate awards, due to a lack of eligible candidates. This year, in addition to the usual solicitation by letter, the Committee made direct contact with Departments, especially with those that had been inactive for a longer period. This campaign resulted in a noticeable increase in nominations. We are pleased to announce highly worthy recipients for all of the Faculty Senate awards this year.

- CASE U.S. Professor of the Year Award: This year marked only the second time that OSU participated in this prestigious national program. The Committee selected the maximum three persons allowed by CASE from the pool of nominees. Following established procedures, the person(s) who nominates the candidate for the OSU award is also responsible for assembling and submitting a second nomination package, as outlined by CASE. The Committee, however, did not realize that the CASE program requires a complete new nomination package with all new support letters. If adequate notice is not given, this can place an undue burden on the person(s) preparing the CASE nomination package. Because of the time constraint, two of this year's CASE nominations could not be completed in time. To remedy the situation, the Committee decided to move its OSU award decisions up to April 1 in future years, so that there will be adequate time for the CASE nomination materials to be prepared.

- Funding for Professional Faculty Award: This was the first time the Committee recommended a recipient for the new Professional Faculty Award. After receiving final approval from the Faculty Senate and the OUS Chancellor's office, the important issue of permanent funding was resolved with the generous assistance of President Risser, Provost White, and the OSU Management Association (OSUMA).

- Revising Guidelines: Although the guidelines for the Senate Faculty awards have been repeatedly scrutinized and

revised over the years, the Committee still hears of occasional confusion on the side of nominators. The Committee looked at 10 areas of such confusion and found that two warranted changes: it was decided that a) letters of support from students can be from current or former students, and b) nominees for the Dar Reese Excellence in Advising Award must also demonstrate current success in teaching, research, and service.

Unfinished Business for the Year 2001-2002:

President Risser requested at the beginning of Fall 2000 that all awards at OSU be reviewed. The Committee, however, felt that the scope of the President's request went beyond the jurisdiction of a Senate Faculty Recognition & Awards Committee. This concern was brought to the attention of former Faculty Senate President Gordon Matzke, who wanted to address this matter at a special session of the Senate Executive Committee. Due to the Executive Committee's huge workload this year, the special session has not yet been held. The same holds true for the planned Award for Promotion of Diversity, which the Faculty Senate President also wanted to discuss at this special session.

The FRAC Committee, with generous assistance from the Faculty Senate Office, has drawn up a preliminary list of 86 University, College, and Departmental awards at OSU. The monetary awards range from \$250 to three at \$10,000. These top three awards are all at the college level, as follows: **CLA** - *Excellence Award*; **Engineering** - *Engelbrecht Young Faculty Award*, and **Business** - *Newcomb Faculty Meritorious Performance*. Needless to say, with one exception the University-wide awards do not compare favorably with the highest one at the college level.

Finally, the Faculty Recognition & Awards Committee would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Vickie Nunnemaker, whose excellent and untiring support has made our sometimes tedious task nonetheless a rewarding experience.

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