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To: Bill Boggess, Faculty Senate President
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From: Carol Caughey, Chair
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The members of the 2005-2006 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee were Peg Herring, Prudence Miles, Jean Moule, George Keller, and Anne Christie.

Of the 21 or more individual awards listed on the Faculty Senate Individual Awards website, FRAC awards nine of them.

The committee met in May to review all nominations for these nine awards. One member who was away sent comments about each nomination for us to add to those of the committee members present.

Other topics discussed were the need to have a complete list of faculty awards at OSU, both University wide already listed on <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/senate/awards/nom/summary.html> and the awards given by Colleges.

During the past year three new university-wide awards were proposed:

1. Academic Advising Award
2. Student Learning and Success Teamwork Award
3. Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award

Some changes in the initial proposals were requested by the Special Assistant to the Faculty Senate President, and after those issues were addressed, FRAC met in June to discuss the proposals. We forwarded the concerns and comments expressed by the members of FRAC to the Executive Committee of Faculty Senate and the Special Assistant.

Several concerns discussed in FRAC before and after the June meeting were that there are no guidelines for proposing new awards, and no guidelines for which awards, old or new, will be given at University Day. Also, the procedure for submitting proposals for final approval is unclear. As outlined to the Committee, we are to receive the proposals, discuss them, and then forward them with our comments to the Executive Committee. The EC in turn forwards them to OUS because they involve compensation in most cases. But that final level of approval by OUS was questioned by several people involved. So the sequence for approval of proposals is one more unclear area.

The Provost has expressed concern about these issues as well, and apparently an *ad hoc* team will be appointed in the near future in order to address them.

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