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From Prudence Miles, Chair
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The members of the 2006-2007 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee were John Pollitz, George Keller, Alex Sanchez, Michelle Mahana and Steve Ortiz.

This year, the FRAC was given responsibility for selecting the recipients of the Honorary Doctorate and the Distinguished Service Award. We met in October to review nominations and recommend winners of these two awards. Since this was a new task for the committee we had to review the history of the awards and their past recipients. We took this new responsibility very seriously and forwarded names to the Provost after extensive review.

We undertook our usual review in May 2007. This was for the nine awards we select. The committee was concerned by the lack of nominations overall and chose not to recommend any winner for two of the awards. We were also frustrated that some of the nomination packets did not really follow the nomination guidelines.

We found some ambiguity in the wording of some of the awards. It might be good for the committee to review all of the awards before the call for nominations. We would also like to have Deans and other administrators encourage their units to submit nominations.

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