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To: Jack Higginbotham, Faculty Senate President  
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The members of the 2010-2011 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee were Dave Stone (Chair), Carlea Freeman, Kimberly Hathaway, David Berger, Mark Needham and Hannah Rempel. This is the last year for members Dave Stone and Mark Needham. David Berger was identified as a possible candidate as the next FRAC chair, subject to approval by the Faculty Senate.

For 2010-11, a significant process was initiated to determine how the Honorary Doctorate (HD) degree is solicited and reviewed. This process was initiated in part because FRAC asked for clarity in how HD nominees were selected and the connection with the commencement. To address this issue, the Provost convened an ad hoc committee to review the HD and select a pool of potential candidates. At this time, the ad hoc committee has met once in June 2011, with plans for additional meetings throughout the summer. Recommendations for changes to the HD award include: 1) soliciting a pool of HD nominations for distribution to the Provost's Council to accommodate various nominee schedules; 2) to modify the requirements for the initial screening; and 3) to clarify that HD recipients will also serve as Commencement Speakers.

Beyond the HD Award, the ad hoc committee also recommended changes to the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). The criteria for the DSA were revised to focus on service to OSU, with less emphasis on national or international impact.

In 2010-2011, the committee received 40 award nominations (39 submitted in 2009-10 and 34 nominations in 2008-09). The numbers of nominations, as well as the FRAC recommendations are presented in [table 1](#). The committee did note a wide diversity of leadership units at OSU that submitted awards. However, some units were not represented with nominations, suggesting that some faculty are being disadvantaged in their potential for recognition through the nomination process.

Upon completion of the reviews, recommendations were made by FRAC members to communicate with unsuccessful nominators that were highly qualified and eligible for consideration in the following year. Some nominations did not meet all the criteria for the awards and were recommended to consider another award where all criteria are met. Nominators were reminded that for each award the committee is required to select from nominees that meet all the award criteria.

Finally, based on discussions last year, a student assistant developed a draft on-line system for award data entry and review. At this time, the new on-line system is undergoing beta testing and it will be up to future FRAC committees on whether or not this system will be adopted for use.

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