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The members of the 2011-2012 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee (FRAC) were Dave Berger (Chair), Kimberly Hannaway, Carlea Freeman, Hannah Rempel, Kate Halischak, and Jim Hoffman. This was scheduled to be the final year on the committee for both Dave Berger and Kimberly Hannaway. For continuity within the committee, Dave Berger will remain FRAC chair through the 2014-2015 academic year, but will serve as a non-voting member.

The 2011-2012 academic year saw the implementation of the online system for award nominations and review. Multiple awards specify that unsuccessful nominations will be carried over for evaluation during the subsequent year. Therefore, the committee evaluated both electronic and hard-copy nominations. It is expected that the submission and review process for 2012-2013 will be fully electronic. In general, the online system was successful, and minor details that arose during the process have been addressed. FRAC expects the online system to greatly facilitate the submission and review process going forward. In addition to the implementation of the online system, FRAC worked with the OSU Research Office to develop two additional University Day Awards. The new awards both focus on commercialization and industry partnering. It is expected that the initial recipients will be awarded on University Day 2012.

In 2011-2012, the committee received 39 award nominations (40 submitted in 2010-11 and 39 nominations in 2009-10). The nominations were reviewed, and award recipient recommendations were made. FRAC also recommended that a number of nominators resubmit nomination materials for individuals that were deemed highly qualified. To ensure equal opportunities for all qualified individuals, FRAC would like to increase the total number of nominations received. Prior to the award submission deadline, FRAC briefly presented to the Faculty Senate to remind senators of the award solicitations, and encourage nominations. It is expected that the online system will increase the number of nominations, as individuals become familiar with the process. Going forward, the award information webpage will be updated to identify awards solicited by FRAC, along with the associated submission deadlines.

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