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Memo to: Maggie Niess, Faculty Senate President

From: Beth Strohmeyer, Chair

Subject: Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee Annual Report

The Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee (FRAC) Donna Champeau, Jennifer Danielson, Laura Connolly, Gary Merrill, Jeanne Ulmer (graduate student) and Beth Strohmeyer met in March and in April to discuss the primary mission of the committee: to formulate policy/process related to faculty recognition/awards and to complete the selection of award recipients for 1998.

We briefly reviewed three awards that are being considered for the future. Two awards which the committee would like to initiate in the future are in limbo due to a lack of funding. The Award for Excellence in Service was developed by the 1996-97 committee and has been referred to President Risser for potential funding (he has forwarded this to Forrest Rodgers in the Development Office).

The Excellence in Research/University-Industry Collaboration in Research Awards were suggested to Roy Arnold by Logan Norris, Department Head in Forest Science. Again, funding has not been identified. This suggestion and award criteria will likely be referred to Toby Hayes, Vice Provost for Research.

The International Service Award, proposed by Jack Vandewater, Dean of International Programs, has been funded at \$1,000 per year and criteria have been determined. Since this award will not be decided by the Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee, our task was to review the award criteria and refer it to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the President's Cabinet for inclusion in the University Day awards.

The committee discussed a suggestion from Lyla Houglum that the OSU Extended Education Faculty Achievement Award be re-named the OSU Statewide Faculty Achievement Award. After discussion, it was determined that the intent of the award might be misinterpreted and the field may be somewhat limited if this name change took place at this time since the award materials were already distributed and acted upon. It was suggested that this be reviewed again by next year's committee.

The committee received several nominations for the OSU Distinguished Service Award. The process for selection of the DSA should be reviewed by the 1998-99 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee, as it seems the guidelines used are from 1963.

And lastly, it was noted in the process of selecting award recipients that some colleges and departments have a very methodical way of preparing the nomination packets, and in some cases, have an edge on the competition. We agreed that a workshop designed to give complete, detailed information on how to prepare a nomination packet for an all-university award might benefit those departments who just don't know what their packets are lacking. Some of the more successful department chairs may be invited to speak about "nominations that work."