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TO: Ken Williamson, Faculty Senate President
 FROM: Laura Connolly, Chair, Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee
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 RE: Annual Report

The faculty members of the 1998-99 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee (FRAC) were:

Gary Merrill, Christian Stehr, Margaret Burnett, Beth Reitveld (formerly Strohmeyer), Brad Jeffreys, and Laura Connolly (chair). The student member, Delia Ramirez, did not attend any meetings.

In addition to selecting the recipients of the 1999 faculty senate awards for which we are responsible, our main accomplishments this year included identifying funding and obtaining faculty senate approval for the new OSU Professional Faculty Excellence Award, making a change to the selection procedure for the Distinguished Service Award, and devising guidelines to aid departments in putting together successful nomination packets. Details of these accomplishments are summarized below.

OSU Professional Faculty Excellence Award: This award, previously titled the "OSU Excellence in Service Award," was developed by the 1996-97 committee but had been stalled due to lack of funding. The OSU Management Association (OSUMA) agreed to provide seed funds and identify potential donors, and the committee has asked for additional temporary funding from the deans of each college. Based on this, the faculty senate gave its approval to move forward at the April 1999 meeting (subject to the change in title and one minor amendment to the criteria). At the present time, we are waiting for approval needed from OUS. Once that approval is received, we will circulate a fundraising letter to secure additional funds for the first presentation of the award at University Day, 2000. The 1999-2000 committee will work with the OSU Development Office and OSUMA to identify a permanent funding source.

Change to the Distinguished Service Award (DSA): In the past, faculty senate approval of

the OSU President's choice(s) for this award was required. In order to expedite the selection process, the committee proposed moving this responsibility from the full senate to the Executive Committee. The faculty senate approved this change at its February 1999 meeting.

Guidelines for organizing nomination packets: The committee drafted guidelines to aid in the preparation of nomination packets, which were circulated with the calls for nominations in October 1998. This was done in an attempt to "level the playing field" because some departments seem to do a much better job at presenting their nominee's qualifications than others.

Other actions:

- The committee agreed to make the call for nominations for the Distinguished Service Award more broadly accessible to increase the number of nominations received. If these efforts do not result in additional nominations, the committee will revisit this issue in the future.
- The deadline for informing the Executive Committee whether the FRAC intends to recommend presentation of the D. Curtis Mumford Faculty Service Award was changed from March 15 to April 13 to consolidate our award selection tasks.
- The committee decided to solicit further information from relevant faculty and staff regarding the desirability of establishing two new awards; for excellence in research and promotion of diversity. These will be discussed further by next year's committee.
- The committee decided to solicit opinions from relevant faculty and staff regarding a suggestion to change the name of the OSU Extended Education Award to the OSU Statewide Award. This will be discussed further by next year's committee.

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