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

The faculty members of the 1999-2000 Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee (FRAC) were: Gary Merrill, Christian Stehr, Margaret Burnett, Brad Jeffreys, Robin Rosetta, Shayla Sharp (student member) and Laura Connolly (chair).

In addition to selecting the recipients of the 2000 Faculty Senate awards for which we are responsible, our main accomplishments this year included identifying nominees for the U.S. Professor of the Year Program (jointly sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education), receiving final approval from the Chancellor's office for the Professional Faculty Award, and continuing our discussion of developing a new award for promotion of diversity. Details of these accomplishments are summarized below.

U.S. Professor of the Year Program: Last year (1998-99), the committee was made aware of the existence of the U.S. Professor of the Year Program (jointly sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education). During our first meeting this year, we outlined a procedure for identifying nominees from OSU for this prestigious award: We will consider all persons nominated for the OSU Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award, the Elizabeth P. Ritchie Distinguished Professor Award, the Richard M. Bressler Senior Faculty Teaching Award, and the OSU Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. Up to three of these will be nominated for the CASE award (three is currently the maximum number of nominees allowed by CASE). The person(s) who nominated the candidate for the OSU award will be responsible for ensuring that any additional supporting materials required by CASE are included in the application. If the original nominator is unable or unwilling to accept that responsibility, the nominee may identify a suitable replacement. Andy Hashimoto, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, agreed to fund the \$75

entry fee for each nomination. A note has been added to the letter enclosed in the FRAC call for nominations stating that nominees for the awards listed above will also be considered for the CASE award.

We received approval to move forward with this and three members of the OSU faculty were nominated: Janine Trempey (Microbiology), Mary Powelson (Botany and Plant Pathology), and Margaret Burnett (Computer Science). The winners will be announced in October 2000.

Professional Faculty Award: After receiving approval from the Faculty Senate last year to establish a new award for professional faculty, we discovered that the award also required approval from the OUS Chancellor's office because the stipend is to be paid out of an OSU Foundation account. The Chancellor's office only reviews such requests once per year, in late March. By the time we were notified that the award had received final approval, it was too late to call for nominations for this award for the 2000 University Day awards. However, it should be possible to present the award in September 2001. There are still two important issues to be resolved however.

- Funds must be solicited annually to cover the stipend until a permanent funding source is identified. The OSU Management Association (OSUMA) has been very active in helping get this award off the ground and is likely to contribute a portion of the funds. In fact, an OSU Foundation account is being opened with money contributed by OSUMA. In addition, the chairs and department heads were asked at a meeting in Fall 1998 to contribute \$100 each to help establish this stipend. However, the latter request was never followed up because of the delay from the Chancellor's office. Now that the account will be opened, it would be appropriate to re-approach the chairs.
- A permanent source of funding must be found. The OSU Foundation should be asked to assist in identifying a donor. This should be done as soon as possible because the Faculty Senate expressed concern regarding the uncertain funding status.
- **Award for promotion of diversity:** The committee held a meeting on November 22, 1999 to discuss the steps necessary for establishing a new award recognizing those who promote diversity on the OSU campus. While this meeting seemed productive at the time, we were unable to follow up on the suggestions this year. The main tasks remaining are to agree on a list of award criteria (a draft list is available in the minutes of the 11/22/99 meeting) and to find a permanent source of funding. The committee suggests asking President Risser to fund the award, but chose to wait until a list of criteria could be developed before approaching him. Once funding is found, the proposal will be brought before the Faculty Senate for approval. It is uncertain whether this award will require approval from the Chancellor's office (as did the Professional Faculty Award, discussed above). We believe that if the President's office funds the award, the Chancellor's approval may not be needed.