

Appendix D
Five-Year Annual Review
Student Recognition and Awards Committee

Faculty Senate Committee on Committees
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This review of the Recognition & Awards Committee is submitted in accordance within the duties of the OSU Faculty Senate Committee on Committees to review each Faculty Senate committee at five-year intervals. The criteria are used as the subheadings of the report.

1. Do the Standing Rules clearly reflect the function and composition of this committee?

The Student Recognition & Awards Committee requested a revision of the standing rules last year. The revised and approved standing rules now more clearly reflect the actual duties of the Student Recognition & Awards Committee. Financial and non-financial awards are given to recipients.

2. Have the committee's actions/function, as reported in the annual reports and based on consultation with the current chair and committee, been consistent with their Standing Rules?

Yes, they are consistent with the revised and approved standing rules. The co-chairs attend all committee meetings. The committee selects the award winners and honorable mentions. There is an annual event where awards are presented to recipients.

For the first time this year, Event Services was used to plan the event. The committee is currently going under evaluation as to whether or not the actual event should be planned by the committee. Meetings will be underway this summer with Kate Peterson, Luanne Lawrence, Paul Doescher and the committee co-chairs to decide. There could be a separation between the selection of the award recipients and the actual event presentation. There seems to be a power struggle with administration, as to who will coordinate and control the event. Troy and Janet don't believe the committee will be negatively impacted if the event coordination is removed from the committee's purview.

Troy will be leaving as the co-chair this year. Janet will continue on, with the selection of another co-chair next year. Troy plans to stay involved with the committee to add historical value.

3. Do the annual reports provide a memory of the issues this committee addressed, their activities, and any outcomes?

Yes, the annual reports do reflect the committee selections of the award winners. The committee is divided into sub-committees. The division is by class level. The divisions are Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior. There are prior year annual reports posted on the Faculty Senate website. Since the annual awards event just took place, the annual report has not been completed yet. It will be completed by the end of June.

4. What has been the role/benefit of student members?

Students are actively involved in the review and selection of award recipients. Students have a vested interest and play a part in the selection of the award recipients. The co-chairs organize the meetings, and everyone on the committee participates equally.

5. What connection is there to the University's strategic goals?

Student engagement and success are goals in the strategic plan. President Ray and Provost Randhawa attend the award event. They have complimented the committee on their activities and success. This is a platform to be engaged with the students and they are building relationships.

6. To what extent does the committee add value to the University and/or faculty governance?

There is not much of a connection with faculty governance. This committee is building relationships and connections with the student community. As these students graduate, they remember the activities of the award committee. College Deans and the OSU Foundation highlight the Faculty Senate and strategic plan connections of this committee. The Faculty Senate president has made award presentations at the award event. It is a fun committee and they make people happy!

7. If the chair believes the committee does not add value, please explain and address the question as to whether the committee should continue to exist.

n/a

8. Does this committee's work enhance OSU's commitment to diversity? If so, how?

Yes. Many award winners are from under represented groups. Some award winners return to native countries and help that country to prosper. Connections are made with OSU that change people. They are making a difference in people's lives and changing directions. There was a student recipient that didn't think that diversity really mattered. She didn't believe that she stood a chance at being selected, but applied at the encouragement of her peers. She did, in fact, get selected, and it made such a difference in her life. After she graduated, she went on to pay back the community by representing the Habitat for Humanity organization. Troy and Janet are quoted as stating "Stories are very humbling. They both feel fortunate to be part of this committee and so many outstanding students."