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TO: Bill Boggess, President
OSU Faculty Senate

FROM: Kristie Deschesne, Chair
Student Recognition and Awards Committee

DATE: July 13, 2006

RE: Annual Report of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee

Committee Members:

Kristie Deschesne '06 Chair	Recreational Sports
Amy Nelson-Green '06	International Programs
Troy Snow '06	Recreational Sports
Jackie Balzer '07	Dean of Students
Jeanne Davidson '07	Valley Library
Janet Nishihara '07	Educational Opportunities Program
Bill Brennan '08 (Ret)	Dean of Students
Michael Boock '08	Valley Library
Cindy Empey (v. Tate) '08	Housing and Dining Services
Ex-Officio: Financial Aid Representative (Ben Fisher, Amy Gagnon)	

Student Members -

Jabin Kahl
Mary Dyton
Joey Jenkins
Ryan Kramer
Kalysta McCloughry
Kacie Taylor
Executive Committee Liaison: Tracy Bentley-Townlin

Please see the attached [timeline](#) which includes meetings, meeting topics and other target dates for this committee.

The Student Recognition and Awards Committee (SRAC) met several times throughout the year to outline, organize and conduct the work of selecting and awarding the Waldo-Cummings Awards, Drucilla Shepard Smith Awards and AAUW Woman of the Year award. These awards were presented at the All University Student Award Banquet on Wednesday, 5/24/06. Award winners, their families and many campus dignitaries were at the banquet including President and Mrs. Ray, Provost Randhawa and his spouse Uzma, Larry Roper and many college Dean's or their designates.

Through the course of conducting the work of the committee, one standing rules change was proposed and accepted. Rather than 8 faculty members, the SRAC committee will now be made up of 10 faculty members. This is due to the large volume of work for the chair.

Another recommendation accepted this year by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was to have Co-Chairs on the committee. The senior chair would then mentor another person who would become the chair

the following year. This would provide more continuity and a share in the workload.

Other recommendations for the future from members of the committee are in regards to recruiting student members and figuring out which "class" student applicants actually belong to. It would be very helpful to receive more help from ASOSU in recruiting and appointing students to the committee. We were very fortunate to have several students involved, but these came from the faculty members of the committee recruiting them.

Another issue is how to determine which class students belong to when they apply for awards. In years past, if a student applied and said they were a sophomore, but they only had one term of credits at OSU and other credits were AP and/or Junior College credits, then their application was bumped back to the freshman class. The chair of the committee determined this and moved students around accordingly. I was told that this was done because in order to be eligible to apply for the Waldo Cummings Award, students had to earn the 3.5 GPA at OSU, so only OSU credit hours should be considered.

I worked with Ben Fisher, the SRAC Liaison, and with his research assistance to make these determinations this year for the committee. I have to say, it was a messy process and mistakes were made. For example, one woman who had enough total credit hours to graduate in June was moved back to the Junior class since she had only enough OSU credits to be considered a Junior. So, she withdrew her application for the award because she didn't want to receive it as a Junior, she wanted to be considered as a Senior. This sort of messiness happened several times. For next year, I recommend that the committee work to interpret the award criteria more clearly so that we know exactly how to determine which class students really belong in. It is a chore to say the least, and there is no written guideline to aid the work.

Other issues recommended for next year's committee to consider are strategies to get more students to apply for the awards and then attend the awards banquet, how to lessen the paperwork of the class committee chairs and looking into another function to present the awards. The idea of a dessert social has been suggested for the committee next year to look into.

Summary of recommendations:

1. Formalize process for determining which class students belong in after receiving WC applications
2. More effective recruitment by ASOSU to appoint student members to committee
3. Determine and implement strategies to recruit more student members to the committee
4. Determine and implement strategies to increase student attendance at banquet
5. Streamline paperwork for class chairs to lessen the load
6. Brainstorm other celebratory functions possible for award presentation (ex: dessert social instead of banquet)

Budget:	
Beginning balance:	4603.09
Revenue:	5485.68
Expenses:	6027.86
Balance:	<u>4060.91</u>
Facility Deposit, '07	250.00
Final Balance:	<u>3810.91</u>

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