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Student Recognition & Awards Committee

Annual Report 2011-2012

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TO: Katharine Hunter-Zaworski, President
OSU Faculty Senate

FROM: Ann McLaughlin, Co-Chair
Heidi Wegis, Co-Chair

CC: Jessica Ablitt, Ex-Officio SRAC Member

SUBJECT: Student Recognition and Awards Committee

2011-2012 Committee Members

Faculty:

Rick DeBellis, Enrollment Management
John Gambatese, Civil & Construction Engineering
Jennifer Hill, Arts & Sciences Business Center
Rebekah Lancelin, University Honors College
Michelle Mahana, Health & Human Sciences
Mike Mayers, Memorial Union
Ann McLaughlin, Co-Chair, Office of the President
Candy Pierson-Charlton, INTO OSU
Heidi Wegis, Co-Chair, Nutrition & Exercise Science

Students:

Miguel Arelleno
Kristin Dehler
Anna Dewey
Mousa Diabat
Danielle Levine
Lexie Merrill
Victoria Redman
Kellie Ruth
Agustin Vega-Peters
Phi Vu

Student Recognition and Awards Committee Standing Rules:

The Student Recognition and Awards Committee coordinates awards that are all-university in nature and that are awarded by faculty to students. The Committee also plans and conducts, with the support of the ex-officio, an assembly or other appropriate program for the presentation of these awards to their recipients. The ex-officio works closely with the Committee and is responsible for the tasks associated with the all-university recognition and awards program. The Committee is responsible for selecting the recipients of the Drucilla Shepard Smith Scholastic Awards, the Clara H. Waldo and E.A. Cummings Outstanding Student Awards and the AAUW Senior Woman of the Year Award. The Committee consists of ten faculty, eight students, and a

representative from Financial Aid, ex-officio, non-voting.

Student Recognition and Awards Committee Report:

As the Standing Rules state, the main responsibility of the Faculty Senate Student Recognition and Awards Committee (SRAC) is to conduct the selection process for the above-named awards. Other awards presented at the All-University Student Recognition and Awards Dessert Reception, as noted below, are coordinated by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Award	Office Responsible Contact Person
Clara L. Simmerville Award	International Programs Rachael Weber
Dr. JoAnne Trow Woman of Distinction Award	Memorial Union Program Council
E.C. Allworth Leadership Award	Memorial Union Michael Henthorne
E.C. Allworth Cultural Awareness Leadership Award	Memorial Union Michael Henthorne
Grace Wu Memorial Award	Financial Aid & Scholarships Doug Sever
Michael J. Palmer Award	Memorial Union Michael Henthorne
Mortar Board Kate Jameson Award	Mortar Board Advisors Kevin Ahearn, Indira Rajagopal
Provost's Literary & Art Prizes	Office of the Provost
Robert MacVicar Exceptional Service Award	Mortar Board Advisors Kevin Ahearn, Indira Rajagopal

The Committee co-chairs met several times during the year to plan the work of the Committee. Jessica Ablitt provided support to the SRAC by extracting the data sets of eligible students for the Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award and Drucilla Shepard Smith Award. She also coordinated the All-University Student Recognition and Awards Dessert Reception, along with University Events, and provided the framed certificates for the awards presented.

The Committee is responsible for the selection process for the Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award. Committee members develop and refine the application and selection process, including the types of information requested of the students, the review of the applications, and the selection and interviews of the finalists (honorable mentions and awardees). Materials from the committee meetings and application process are outlined in [Appendix A](#).

This year the All-University Student Recognition and Awards Dessert Reception took place on Monday, May 21, 2012. Award winners, their family and friends, and many campus representatives were present in the Memorial Union for a pre-program reception in the Memorial Union Lounge, which was followed by a formal dessert reception in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Class Subcommittees for 2011-2012 were as follows:

First-year Subcommittee Members:

Miguel Arelleno, ASOSU Representative
Jennifer Hill, Arts & Sciences Business Center
Rebekah Lancelin, University Honors College
Heidi Wegis, Nutrition & Exercise Science

Sophomore Subcommittee Members:

Kristin Dehler, ASOSU Representative
Anna Dewey, ASOSU Representative
Michelle Mahana, Health & Human Sciences
Candy Pierson-Charlton, INTO OSU

Junior Subcommittee Members:

Mousa Diabat, ASOSU Representative
Mike Mayers, Memorial Union
Lexie Merrill, ASOSU Representative
Kellie Ruth, ASOSU Representative
Agustin Vega-Peters, ASOSU Representative
Phi Vu, ASOSU Representative

Senior Subcommittee Members:

Rick DeBellis, Enrollment Management
John Gambatese, Civil & Construction Engineering
Danielle Levine, ASOSU Representative
Ann McLaughlin, Office of the President
Victoria Redman, ASOSU Representative

This year the committee received 220 *Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award* applications for committee members to evaluate. Approximately 30% of the applicants were selected to advance to the interview phase of the selection process, which is 12 freshmen, 12 sophomores, 20 juniors, and 20 seniors. In addition, there were 155 recipients of the *Drucilla Shepard Smith Award* including 23 freshman, 49 sophomores, 33 juniors, and 50 seniors. Award information is available in [Appendix B](#).

Recommendations for the SRAC for 2012-2013:

In this section, we would like to outline recommendations or needs to be addressed by the committee next year.

OSU Extended Campus/OSU-Cascades Student Participation: In previous years, the committee made accommodations for video/phone interviews as well as web streaming of the awards event. The web streaming received positive feedback from students and their families that were unable to attend the event in-person. The Committee recommends the continuation in making accommodations for video/phone interviews as well as web streaming of the awards event.

Student Representation: Continue to work with ASOSU to identify student committee members and secure signed confidentiality agreements from student committee members as soon as the committee is constituted in fall term.

Coordination with Enrollment Management: The committee recommends a meeting during fall term between the SRAC co-chairs and Financial Aid & Scholarships to coordinate the activities and responsibilities regarding the awards and the awards event.

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