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TO: Ken Williamson, President
OSU Faculty Senate

FROM: Mary Burke, Chair
Student Recognition and Awards Committee

DATE: June 11, 1999

RE: Annual Report of Student Recognition and Awards Committee (SR&A)

The first meeting of the SR&A Committee was held on Thursday, January 21, 1999 to initiate plans for selecting the Waldo-Cummings Award recipients and coordinating the All-University Awards Banquet set for Wednesday, May 26, 1999. Class Subcommittees were established. A timetable was followed to direct the SR&A Committee and the respective subcommittees in their tasks.

1. Standing rules were changed to include the Coordinator of the University Scholarship program as a liaison.
2. The Waldo-Cummings Award application forms were revised and distributed at the end of Winter Term to 1868 OSU undergraduate maintaining an OSU GPA of at least 3.50 after a minimum of 24 credit hours at the end of Winter Term 1999. Approximately 250 applications were submitted by eligible students.
3. 30 Freshmen, 13 sophomores, 11 juniors and 10 seniors who maintained a 4.0 GPA after a minimum of 24 credit hours were awarded the Drucilla Shepard Smith Award.
4. Applications for the Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Awards were sent to all eligible students and were solicited via The Daily Barometer .
5. Representatives of the organizations which sponsored awards presented at the Awards Banquet were contacted in March 1996. Names of award recipients and presenters were secured to facilitate program printing.
6. Interviews of Waldo-Cummings award finalists were completed by May 10.
7. Banquet arrangements and scripts of awards were finalized at the final meeting of the full committee on May 12, 1996.
8. Six students were members of the committee.

9. This was the first time the committee had a liaison who was the Coordinator of the University Scholars Program, Debbie Bird. Debbie planned the banquet, master of ceremonies, entertainment, arranged for gifts and certificates and contacted the individuals in charge of other awards. I see no way this committee could run without such a liaison. Valerie Wetzel of Student Involvement helped by collecting applications and passing out and selling tickets.

Funding for the banquet and awards was secured from:

- * Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs - \$500
- * Endowment Funds - \$2,400.00
- * Beginning Balance in Awards Account \$2,930
- * Ticket Sales \$1,215

Leaving a positive balance in the Awards fund to begin next year's program with. Last year, the Vice Provost for Student Affairs contributed \$4,379.74 (catering and facility). Depending on budget and funding in future years, Vice Provost's office may again be asked to provide additional funding. Partial funding is also built into the University Scholars Program budget by default of the liaison to the committee being the coordinator of the University Scholars Program.

It is recommended that the work of this committee to recognize student achievement through awards and the award banquet be continued in the 1999-00 academic year.

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