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TO: Gordon Matzke, President
OSU Faculty Senate

FROM: Jeff Sklansky, Chair
Student Recognition and Awards Committee

DATE: June 19, 2000

RE: Annual Report of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee

Committee Members:

Jeff Sklansky (Chair)	History
Debbie Bird (Ex-Officio)	Coordinator, University Scholars Program
Gideon Alegado	Memorial Union
Thimmappa Anekonda	Forest Science
Kristie Deschesne	Recreational Sports
Mary Burke	Microbiology
Sue Crust	International Education
Urmila Mali	Educational Opportunities Program
Nan Scott	Crop and Soil Science
Torey Cope	Student
Robert Elliot	Student
Genevieve Groen	Student
Tova Johnson	Student
Josh Noda	Student
Kezia Willingham	Student

The first meeting of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee was held on Friday, January 21, 2000, to initiate plans for selecting the Waldo-Cummings Award recipients and coordinating the All-University Awards Banquet scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2000. Class subcommittees were established. A timetable was drawn up to direct the committee as a whole and the subcommittees in their tasks.

1. The Waldo-Cummings Award application forms were revised and distributed at the end of Winter Term to 2,072 OSU undergraduates maintaining an OSU G.P.A. of at least 3.50 after a minimum of 24 credit hours as of the end of Winter Term 2000. Applications were also solicited via the Daily Barometer.
2. Approximately 185 applications were subsequently submitted by eligible students. Approximately 22 returns, due to incorrect address, were received.

3. 33 first-year students, 25 sophomores, 18 juniors, and 9 seniors who maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. after a minimum of 24 credit hours were awarded the Drucilla Shepard Smith Award.
4. The senior and junior subcommittees each selected and interviewed 20 finalists, of whom 10 from each class were chosen to receive the Waldo-Cummings Award. The sophomore and freshman subcommittees each selected and interviewed 12 finalists, of whom 6 from each class were chosen to receive the Waldo-Cummings Award. Interviews were completed by Friday, May 5, 2000.
5. Representatives of organizations sponsoring awards at the Awards Banquet were initially contacted on March 6, 2000. Names of award recipients and presenters were finalized by May 8, 2000, to facilitate program printing.
6. Banquet arrangements and scripting of awards were finalized at the final meeting of the full committee on May 8, 2000.
7. Debbie Bird, Coordinator of the University Scholars Program, drew up the timetable for the committee, planned the banquet, appointed the Master of Ceremonies, arranged for gifts and certificates, and contacted the individuals in charge of other awards. Jean Duffy of Student Involvement collected student applications and distributed them to committee members, and she handled ticket sales for the banquet.
8. The total income of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee was \$5,552.50; total expense was \$6,437.75.

Funding for the banquet and awards came from the following sources:

Beginning Balance	\$3,157.28
Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs	\$2,000.00
Allworth Fund	\$1,500.00
E. A. Cummings Fund	\$2,500.00
Ticket Sales and Transfers	\$1,552.50

(Partial funding also came from the University Scholars Program because the Program's coordinator, Debbie Bird, acted as liaison for the Student Recognition and Awards Committee.)

This leaves a positive balance in the Awards fund of approximately \$2,272 to offset next year's program expenses.

9. The next two annual Awards Banquets were scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2001; and Wednesday, May 22, 2002.