

Minutes  
**Faculty Senate Student and Faculty Honors Committee**  
Friday, March 9, 2007  
Room 130 Hullihen Hall

Present: Aparna Bagdi, Mohsen Badiy, Linda Gottfredson, Katharine Kerrane, Matthew Robinson, Zachary Schafer, Diane Wright

- Approved minutes of 2/16/07 meeting with minor changes
- Chair's Report
  - Invitations for Francis Alison Award applications sent out just before deadline.
  - Nominations down this year, probably due to e-mail glitch
  - Linda will consolidate finalists into one report for the next meeting
- Reviewed Excellence in Teaching, Advising, TA nominations
- Selected finalists, to be reviewed by committee at next weeks meeting
- Decided, contingent on number of nominations, next year the committee members reviewing alphabetical groups of teaching nominees will also review the same group of advising nominees. This is in the hope of catching advising nominees who may not have received many nominations for advising but may exhibit strong advising in their teaching recommendations.
- Discussed new Award submissions for Honors Day Booklet
  - For Herson Civil Engineering Scholarship, must check status of Freshman to whom award will be given. Awards in Honors Day book cannot go to un-matriculated freshmen.
  - Discussed idea of creating a form to be filled out by departments submitting new awards describing background of award, its donors, and the intention of the award.
  - Decided to table all awards submitted at this meeting until further information can be provided. We would like to know who is the donor, why did they create the award, to whom is it directed, and what was the intention of the award. What is the focus of the honor? Also would like the GPA requirement of all awards, clarification of other characteristics.
  - Website page listing criteria for Honors Day Awards must be revised.
- Reviewed data collected regarding Excellence Award nominations
  - Data shows low alumni response
  - Discussed ways to increase alumni participation in nomination process
    - Ask Sharon Dorr how alumni were contacted, how often, etc.
    - Who do we contact and when for advertisement with Alumni, UDaily, Staff and Faculty?
    - Could a link be put in the Alumni e-mail publication? Along with an article about the excellence awards?
    - Ask Sharon about putting an Excellence advertisement in the publications for Homecoming
    - Could a plug for nominations be included in the recently graduated information packet? Talk to Bob.

- Discussed adding a bigger more obvious link to the nomination form on committee's home page.
- Discussed adding a hyperlink on the online faculty evaluation page going to the nominations page
- Discussed ways to identify self-promoting faculty members.
- Meeting Adjourned: 10:00am