

**FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AND FACULTY HONORS**  
**March 11, 2005**  
**MINUTES**

130 HULLIHEN HALL

8:30am - 10:00am

**Committee Members Present:** Mohsen Badiey (chair), Ken Cohen, Bob Davis, Philip Flynn, Linda Gottfredson (ex-chair and committee advisor), Rhonda Hyde, Katharine Kerrane, Dennis Mertz Alicia Oman, Shelley Provost-Craig, Pat Walters and Diane Wright.

1. The meeting began at 8:40 with Shelley Provost-Craig selected to record minutes of the meeting.
2. The minutes of the February 11, 2005 meeting were approved.
3. *Excellence Awards*

- *Review Procedures for Selecting Winners*

There was a discussion regarding the weight that past nominations should play in the current year's (2005) selection of awards. It was agreed that past nominations should have some impact and that perhaps referencing the summary sheets that are available for recent years may be an appropriate way to review past nominations. Linda Gottfredson also stated that she would inquire whether Cindy Sai could work with her to develop an automated way to compile such a summary list every year of nominations that date back beyond what is currently available to the committee. It is unclear whether this will be possible, but nonetheless Linda will explore this issue.

- *Discuss the possibility of spot checking nominations for improper campaigns*

Bob Davis stated that the committee needs to carefully evaluate whether there is evidence of improper campaigning in the nomination process. It was agreed that when there is a question of improper campaigning that the committee should contact students to ask them about whether their nomination was solicited.

- *Discuss the issue of employees who are currently ineligible for awards*

Katharine Kerrane indicated that the University community needs to be made aware that professionals are not eligible for the Excellence in Advising Awards. Shelley Provost-Craig stated that renaming the award from Excellence in Advising to Excellence in Faculty Advising may help to clarify the issue. Linda said she would review the Committee's website to see where eligibility could be clarified.

- *Selection of Finalists*

Mohsen Badiey called upon each of the committee subgroups, who had met separately to report their choices for the Excellence Awards

Summary of Nominations:

- Twelve faculty were selected as finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Awards
- Six faculty were selected as finalists for the Excellence in Advising Awards

- Seven teaching assistants were selected as finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Assistants Awards

Linda Gottfredson agreed to post the finalists and a summary sheet on the Honors Committee's website. Procedures were reviewed for the selection of the finalists of the awards.

4. *Honors Day Program*

- *Review of applications for inclusion*

Mohsen reported that he had received several new awards and that he would email the new awards to the committee for their review. The Honors Societies were also reviewed to insure that they meet the criteria for inclusion.

- *Post descriptions of student awards on website*

It was suggested that Bob Davis be contacted to explore whether Alumni and University Relations could post the awards on a website.

- *Alison Award*

Linda reported that she and Mohsen had met with Gerard Mangone to discuss how to increase the number of nominations but that further review of this matter is needed. Shelley Provost-Craig stated that perhaps providing an incentive to the Departments and/or Colleges may aid in the nomination process. It was suggested to check with Bob Davis about this possibility.

*\*It should be noted that Bob Davis was in attendance for most of the meeting but had to leave the meeting during its latter stages.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

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Minutes Submitted 3/17/2005 Shelley Provost-Craig