

Minutes
Faculty Senate Student and Faculty Honors Committee
Friday, March 16, 2007
Room 130 Hullahen Hall

Present: Mohsen Badiy, Bob Davis, Linda Gottfredson, Rhonda Hyde, Heidi Kaufman, Katharine Kerrane, Dennis Mertz, Matthew Robinson, Zachary Schafer, Jonathan Urick, Diane Wright

- Approved minutes of 3/9/07 meeting without any changes
- (Acting) Chair's Report
 - Linda discussed the Francis Alison Award, in particular the criteria used to evaluate nominees. Further information available on the committee website
 - Alison dossiers should be available by mid-week in Bob's office. Deliberations to select the awardee will be conducted on Friday, April 13 at 8:00 AM
 - Committee's website has been updated to reflect the committee's additional criteria for awards listed in the Honors Day Program.
- Deliberated the finalists for Excellence in Teaching, Advising, and TA awards. Awardees were chosen.
 - Linda will submit the names of the awardees to the Provost for review before notifications are sent.
- Discussed how to get more alumni nominations for the Excellence Awards
 - Various ideas for reaching alumni and generating nominations included
 - An alumni event,
 - Insertion of a notice in the alumni mailing,
 - Have link to nominations form in Homecoming mailing
 - Use of department chairs and newsletters to reach alumni.
 - Bob agreed to check with Sharon Dorr about what currently is being done to reach alumni, and what further might be possible
- Discussed the small number of advising nominations relative to teaching nominations.
 - Ways to increase nominations were discussed
- Reevaluated the advising award itself, in particular,
 - The criteria for eligibility, and whether the award should be substantially revised.
 - It was suggested that the award be broadened to better reflect the evolving roles of faculty in undergraduate advising and mentoring.
 - The committee decided to change the award from "Advising" to "Mentoring" It will draft language making this change, to be considered at its next meeting, and submit it to the Faculty Senate for consideration.
 - The award will continue to be restricted to the advising-mentoring of undergraduates.
- Approved applications for new awards and scholarships for listing in Honors Day Program, pending revisions that Bob will request.

- Meeting adjourned: 10:00 AM