

Minutes
Faculty Senate Student and Faculty Honors Committee
Friday, May 11, 2007
Room 130 Hulihan Hall

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

- Approved minutes of 4/13/07 meeting without any changes
- Chair's Report
 - Linda expressed her gratitude for the MIS team's excellent work
 - Highlights of the MIS team's project include:
 - New, more organized links and pages on the committee's secure website
 - A new calendar feature
 - Manuals which include detailed instructions and screenshots
 - Committee members inquired about possible reminder features, and the layout of both the secure and public website
 - The MIS team made some recommendations for how to better reach students.
 - The committee was enthusiastic about the MIS team's changes and expressed its thanks
- The committee discussed the possibility of hiring a student dedicated solely to the maintenance of the website and data systems
- Zach and Jonathan presented the results of their deliberations on efforts to increase nominations and better reach students. Topics discussed include:
 - The use of technology and the web, including Facebook and UD's own website
 - Efforts to better publicize the awards as student driven, and inspire student interest
 - Advertising in the *Review*
 - Having students speak about great teachers
 - Having a dinner in honor of the awardees in which certain students would be invited
 - Reaching students through academic honor societies such as Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, and departmental honor societies
 - Reach students through the Greek community
- Zach and Jon said they would further explore all these options in the Fall
- The committee further discussed changing the Excellence in Advising Award to the Excellence in "Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring" award
 - The committee voted and unanimously decided to adopt the change
- Bob Davis recommended reviewing all awards that were accepted for automatic listing in the Honors Day Booklet prior to 2006, that is, before we established a monetary minimum for new awards. Are all the "grandfathered" awards still appropriate for inclusion?

- The committee discussed who would be chair next year and the work involved in such a position. Diane Wright was nominated to be committee chair.
- Meeting adjourned: 10:00 AM

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Urick.