

Committee on Student Faculty Honors Minutes  
May 12, 2006

Members Present: Mohsen Badiey, Tom Isherwood, Zach Schafer, Katharine Kerrane, Dennis Mertz, Bob Davis, John Stabley, Aparna Bagdi, Rhonda Hyde, Philip Flynn, Linda Gottfredson.

Miscellaneous Business

The committee congratulated Tom Isherwood for winning the Taylor Award for 2006. The committee also says goodbye to Philip Flynn and Tom Isherwood, who will be leaving the committee next year, and Mohsen Badiey, who will be departing as chair of the committee.

The committee looked at the dates for next year and accepted them, noting that some dates may not be necessary.

Teaching and Advising Awards Nominations

The committee discussed ways to elicit more nominations:

- Go through Scott Mason and Matt Leno to conduct more outreach to RSOs
- Emphasize in all communications that we accept nominations year-round
- Advertise in UDaily to try to reach more alumni and parents
- Reach out to department chairs and college heads to email their students

The committee also acknowledged that problems with the database might have deterred some students from filing nominations this year. This problem should be solved soon. A semi-permanent graduate student has been assigned to do IT work for the faculty senate. The committee will transfer some recurring IT tasks to this individual.

The committee agreed on some minor changes to the wording of the nomination form. A full revision of these forms will happen in the fall.

Honors Day Booklet

The committee discussed criteria for awards to be included in the Honors Day Booklet. This year, a stopgap measure was implemented whereby new awards needed to be worth at least \$1000 in order to make the booklet. Bob Davis, Katharine Kerrane, Zach Schafer, and Linda Gottfredson will work on this over the summer to compile more comprehensive criteria for inclusion.

Conflict of Interest Statement

The committee reexamined the conflict of interest statement after it had been brought up that it did not address potential conflicts of interest that student committee members

might have. The committee decided to add “past instructor” under weak conflicts of interest.

Submitted by: Tom Isherwood