

**University Faculty Senate
Committee on Student and Faculty Honors
Annual Report for the Academic Year 2000-2001**

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Every year, the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors (1) selects the recipients of the teaching and advising awards, (2) selects the recipient of the Alison Award, and (3) certifies whether submissions of new awards for the University Honors Day booklet meet pre-established criteria for inclusion. The committee has completed the first and third, and will meet soon to accomplish the second.

The committee also reviewed the procedures for the teaching and advising awards and recommended a review of the University Honors Day Booklet.

Review of Procedures for Teaching and Advising Awards

A perennial concern is that relatively few students submit nominations for the teaching and advising awards, which means that too few meritorious teachers and advisors have a chance to win an award. We therefore (among other things) put the nomination forms on the web and experimented with ways of advertising them more widely (e.g., in emails to all students). This yielded a substantial increase in nominations. Over the summer, we will install a system by which people can also submit, not just obtain, nomination forms on-line. The on-line submission process will serve another purpose as well—to electronically authenticate the source of all nominations from UD students and staff.

The committee has also taken steps to minimize the chances of inappropriate campaigning, particularly campaigns organized by nominees themselves or by persons who request individuals under their authority to nominate a particular individual.

The committee recommended that the committee's 10-year-old written guidelines for administering these awards be updated, which the (continuing) chair agreed to do next year.

Review of University Honors Day Booklet

The addition of many new awards each year to the University Honors Day Booklet, and thus its ever-expanding size, suggests that the booklet needs to be rethought. A letter of concern to the committee about the nature of some awards or the manner in which they are listed reinforced this sense of need. The committee has begun, via the good offices of Bob Davis, to work with the Administration on reviewing and improving the booklet.