Minutes
Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors
3.30-5.00 pm, March 29, 2004

Members Present: Linda Gottfredson (Chair), Shelly Provost Craig, Pablo Huq, Bob Davis, Katharine Kerrane, Christina Smiraglia, Lilly Burris, Phillip Flynn, Darren Beck, Diane Wright

I. Selection of day's recorder.
II. Minutes were approved after correcting one mistake.
III. New award for approval: Scoggin Award approved. Linda G (Chair) will notify the CIS Department immediately so they might have it included in this Honors Day cycle.
IV. Increasing the size of the monetary prize for the Alison Award: Linda G. reported contacting Dr. G. Mangone, as the Committee had requested, about working together to get the award amount increased. Bob Davis reported that he brought the issue directly to the Administration immediately after our last meeting and the award will now be $10,000.
V. Eligibility for Excellence Awards: The Committee discussed whether it should distinguish between S Contract, non-tenure track faculty, and tenure track nominees for awards. Currently the eligibility criteria exclude S contract teachers (because they are not fulltime employees), and they do not distinguish between non-tenure track faculty who teach fulltime and tenure track faculty who have research and service duties too. Although the Excellence Awards seem to have originally been intended to recognize excellence in teaching/advising despite having multiple types of duties, the university now has many non-tenure track faculty whose workload is almost entirely teaching/advising. Even if the Committee wished to limit nominations to tenure track faculty, who are unable to concentrate all their attention on teaching/advising, the bulk of the nominations originate from students, and they do not distinguish between different types of faculty. The Committee suggested that a solution might be to have most of the awards limited to tenure track faculty, but the balance available to other types of faculty too.
VI. Clarifying current eligibility criteria for advising awards: The Committee suggested changing the wording in the advising nomination form to "advising/mentoring" because many students may not realize they can nominate faculty who are not their official advisors.
VII. Selection of recipients of Excellence Awards: The Committee selected 2 individuals to receive the Advising Award, 4 the teaching award, and 3 the TA teaching award. Normally only 2 TA awards are made in one year, but there was a tie between two nominees. There have also been fewer 2 recipients in previous years, meaning that those funds were not expended. Bob Davis confirmed with the Administration during the meeting that the extra funds would, in fact, be available this year for the third TA award this year owing to the special circumstances.
VIII. Notification of recipients: Linda G. will send letters of notification to the awardees.

Respectfully submitted,
Pablo Huq