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

Present: Mohsen Badiey, 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 Lamda 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.