

Minutes
Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors
November 14, 2003 8:30 a.m.

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

Linda Gottfredson, Chair, convened the meeting and the minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Topics under discussion:

1) Meeting with Karen Stein and Linda Gottfredson

- a) A document detailing the administrative and technical needs of the Committee was sent to Karen Stein. Karen Stein will petition the Provost for the necessary resources.
- b) The issue of recruiting more students for the Committee was discussed. There has been no response so far from COCAN to the Committee's proposal for recruiting students.

2) Alison Award

- a) Linda Gottfredson met with Gerard Mangone to discuss the Alison Faculty Award and the Alison Society's own award and activities.
 - i) The events of the past year were discussed
 - ii) The low number of nominations submitted to this committee. Gerard Mangone was previously unaware of the situation, namely, that this Committee gets so few nominations and that the dossiers tend to be incomplete.
 - iii) Advertising and improving the Alison Award process and nominations
 - iv) Prize the Society awards to an outstanding young faculty each year
 - (1) Department chairs submit the nominations for young faculty award and the an Alison Society Committee selects the winner.
 - (2) They have no trouble getting many good nominations.
 - v) It was agreed that the conversation with Mangone would continue at a later date
- b) Various possibilities for increasing the number of qualified applicants were discussed by the Committee
 - i) Investing the Dean of each college with the responsibility
 - (1) Deans need to involve their faculty to insure credibility
 - ii) Rethinking the Alison award procedures
 - iii) Get the Alison Society involved in the process
 - iv) Prepare a letter jointly from this Committee's chair and Mangone to the Deans and Chairs asking for their support and making them aware of the process

- (1) Ask Dan Rich to sign the letter and send it to the necessary parties
 - v) Have the award winners posted on our website, with link to UDaily
 - (1) Increase awareness of the fact that the Alison Society is a group of high energy/high profile academics and productive scholars
 - vi) Present the concepts above to the group of Deans that attend the Provost's meetings
 - vii) Change the structure of the prize
 - viii) Ask the Deans to designate the Associate Deans as the party responsible for nominations and compilation of dossiers within each college.
 - ix) Invite the Associate Deans to an information meeting
 - x) Invite the faculty to an information meeting
 - xi) Increase the visibility of the Alison award on the website
 - xii) Determine the optimal information pathway to publicize the award and the nomination process
 - (1) Dan Rich to the Deans – Deans to the in-charge person in each college (i.e. Associate Dean)
 - (2) Make sure the procedures are well known
 - (3) E-mail the chairs with the information and deadlines
 - xiii) In the past there has been a letter sent to the faculty and the Deans to alert them of the award, procedures and deadlines
 - (1) In the last 2 years the Chairs have been e-mailed also
 - (2) Paper-copy notices to faculty should be reinstated
 - (a)
 - xiv) Put the list of winners on the website
 - xv) The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to have another meeting with Gerard Mangone
 - c) Information about the Alison Society
 - i) Invites the winner to lecture
 - ii) Publicizes winner in UDaily
 - iii) Meets once in the fall and once in the spring
 - iv) The first award was given in 1979. Perhaps
 - (1) 80% of the winners are from Arts and Science
 - (2) 10% of the winners are from Engineering
 - (3) 10% of the winners are from all other colleges
 but Bob Davis will get the full list for us
- 3) Ideas for new procedures for informing the University about all awards
- a) We need to avoid e-mail
 - b) Linda will discuss the issue with Karen Stein because it is a general Faculty Senate issue
 - c) Perhaps the University can provide a faculty list
 - d) Have the Honor Societies in each college nominate faculty for teaching awards
 - e) We need to avoid "campaigning" for awards
 - f) The number of nominations submitted by students has not been an issue since the Committee instituted online nominations

- 4) The Honors Day booklet
 - a) The criteria for including awards in the Honors Day booklet were discussed
 - b) The website content was discussed and will be needed by the end of the year
- 5) The next meeting was set for Friday, December 12, at 8:30 a.m.
- 6) The meeting was adjourned at 10:00

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wright