

Annual Report: Honors and Awards Committee

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Actions/Accomplishments:

The main actions of the Honors and Awards Committee are 1) overseeing the selection of the Drane and Harvill-Civitan Awards for graduation(s); 2) overseeing the selection of faculty awards (Distinguished Community Service, Distinguished Professor, and Hawkins Awards); and finally 3) organizing the annual Honors and Awards Ceremony held in late April of each academic year.

This year, all of the above-mentioned responsibilities were accomplished. The Honors and Awards Committee met with designated members of Student Affairs and Athletics for achieving equity for all honors and awards ceremonies. The first steps taken in this process were in incorporate "statues" for each academic unit to present with their most distinguished award, and supplemental money toward food and goodies for honor students. In addition, changes were made to the faculty handbook for the descriptions of the selection process for the Hawkins and Distinguished Community Service faculty awards. A change was also submitted to update the Honors & Awards introduction statement for the 2006-2007 undergraduate bulletin. There has also been discussion of changes to the selection process and presentation of the Drane and Harvill-Civitan student awards. The Harvill-Civitan Award will be presented at Honors and Awards Day from now on. It has been proposed that both the Drane and Harvill-Civitan Awards be decided by committee in addition to the faculty vote. These changes will most likely be implemented next year.