

Annual Report – Distinguished Teaching Award Committee 2010-11

In compliance with article 6.1.1 of the Senate Bylaws, please accept this report as the official record of the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee's activity.

Committee Membership

The Distinguished Teaching Award Committee consisted of the following members:

- Deborah Bauer, Business (term expires 2012)
- Daniel Close, Family and Human Services (term expires 2011)
- Linda Kintz, English (term expires 2011)
- Leah Middlebrook, Comparative Literature Program (term expires 2011)
- Analisa Taylor, Romance Languages (term expires 2012)
- Max Barkley, student (term expires 2011)
- Russ Tomlin, convener, *ex-officio, non-voting*
- Ruth Keele, staff, *ex-officio, non-voting*

The Distinguished Teaching Award Committee is a faculty committee charged with soliciting nominations of faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching, evaluating the nominations, and naming three award winners as recipients of either the Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching (for faculty members early in their teaching careers) or the Thomas F. Herman Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching (for faculty members demonstrating long-standing excellence in teaching). The Committee is comprised primarily of previous distinguished teaching award recipients, as well as one or two additional faculty members and a student representative. The Committee is provided administrative support through the Office of Academic Affairs.

Summary of Committee Activities

Nominations for the Ersted and Herman Awards were solicited during January and February through email announcements distributed to the University community and advertisements in the *Daily Emerald*. A deadline of February 25, 2011 was posted.

The Committee met in February to review the charge and timeline for Committee work. All nominations were reviewed for eligibility, following which department heads were asked to provide additional information consisting of (1) a single page statement attesting to the nominee's appropriateness for the award, (2) a copy of the current CV, (3) a list of the candidate's courses and enrollments during the three most recent years, (4) quantitative course evaluations for that period, and (5) a concise description of teaching related activities with which the nominee has been involved.

Members of the Committee reviewed all files, meeting again in late March to discuss the nominees and construct a short list of final candidates. Departments were again asked for supporting materials providing greater detail on three or four courses taught within the past three years and a description of instructional efforts outside the classroom.

Committee members reviewed the new materials and met again in late April to discuss all final candidates and determine the recipients of the Ersted and Herman Awards for 2011.

Award Recipients 2011

Barbara Altmann, Romance Languages – Herman Award

Yvonne Braun, Women's & Gender Studies/International Studies – Ersted Award

Howard Davis, Architecture – Herman Award

Additional information on the awards and award recipients may be found at:

<http://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/teachingawards>).