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Faculty Senate establishes new awards

Nomination deadline Friday, awards given March 20

Nominations for five new recognitions created by the Faculty Senate to spotlight the contributions of faculty and academic units to the University's mission are due Friday (Feb. 25) in the Faculty Senate Office.

The recognitions will be presented for the first time on March 20 during an all-faculty luncheon hosted by the Office of the Provost in 101 Olscamp Hall.

The new honors will recognize faculty mentoring activity, community service, leadership, teamwork and lifetime achievement. According to Faculty Senate Chair Henry Garrity, these are activities for which faculty haven't always been recognized before.

"We applaud the faculty in the fall—and very important are given them—but we're hoping the new recognitions will bring attention to the many other types of contributions the faculty make to the University community," he said.

Criteria for the recognitions were developed by an ad hoc committee consisting of the interim provost, three Faculty Senate officers, two other senate members, a representative of the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Senate. The same committee will choose this year's honorees.

The awards are designed to:

- Focus attention upon the importance of faculty efforts toward the development of teaching, research and service initiative among colleagues.
- Recognize the importance of faculty service contributions to higher education and to BGSU's reputation. The Recognition for Community Involvement will honor a faculty member for outstanding contributions to the University community or to other local, state, national or international communities;
- Recognize a department chair or school director whose leadership has contributed significantly to the University. The Recognition for Chair/ School Director Leadership will be given to an individual for innovations in curriculum or new programs; maintenance and enhancement of the academic unit's mission; faculty development; community outreach; student faculty relations; contributions to the campus community, and/or the promotion of the University's core values;
- Focus attention on the importance of faculty who work together to make a difference in the educational environment on campus. The Unit Recognition will honor a group, department, program, center, school, division or college based upon a demonstrated record of effective and sustained collegiality, a demonstrated commitment to the University's core values, and a recognized impact upon educational quality;
- Honor a senior faculty member or administrator with faculty rank for outstanding contributions to BGSU over the past decade. The Lifetime Achievement Recognition will be given on the basis of how an individual's teaching, scholarly work, service and administrative skills have contributed significantly to the vitality of the campus community.

The recognitions include cash awards and plaques to be provided by the Office of the Provost.

More complete descriptions of the new awards, selection criteria and nomination procedures can be obtained by contacting the Faculty Senate Office at 2-2751.

Census' impact on city, University focus of educational forum

"Students Count: The 2000 Census," an educational forum on the upcoming census, is planned for Thursday (Feb. 24) from 3-4 p.m. in 101A Olscamp Hall.

Organized by the Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service, the forum is being held to explain the importance of the U.S. Census for the city of Bowling Green, the University and its students.

The goal, according to Beth Walter Honadle, director of the center, is to raise awareness about the policy implications of census data and the importance of student participation.

It has been estimated that as many as 50 percent of BGSU's students were missed during the population headcount in 1990. The forum is the first in a series of activities in a campaign to maximize student participation in this year's census.

"Billions of dollars of federal and state funds are distributed each year on the basis of census information, and representation at the local, state and national levels is determined by populations," Honadle pointed out in stressing the importance of student participation in the census.

Population also is a consideration in the private sector, as businesses decide where to locate factories, shopping centers, recreational areas and other services. And demographic information collected during the census is often used by faculty and students involved in a variety of research, she added.

Speakers at the forum will include Peter Williams of the U.S. Census Bureau; Bowling Green Mayor John Quinn; William Knight, director of Institutional Research; Christie Chipps, vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government; and Robert Smith, president of the Graduate Student Council.

Refreshments and tokens of appreciation for attending will be offered at the free event.

Canadian comics

The Arrogant Worms, a musical satire comedy troupe, will bring their unique brand of humor to campus Feb. 22. Their concert will be held in Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Campus invited to learn about state of University

President Sidney Ribeau will deliver his State of the University Address beginning at 10 a.m. Feb. 29 in 101 Olscamp Hall.

Refreshments will be served following his speech. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Representatives sought for ASC

Administrative Staff Council is now soliciting self-nominations for election to council for the academic year 2000-01. Administrative staff members may send self-nominations to Claudia Clark, counseling center, or email cclarke@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

The deadline for self-nominations to council is March 3. Administrative staff are reminded that members may not hold consecutive three-year terms and are eligible for re-election after completing a two-year waiting period. Any nominations received after March 3 will be invalid.

Young Scholar nominations due

Wednesday (Feb. 23) is the deadline for nominations for the Outstanding Young Scholar Award.

The recipient receives a cash award of $1,000 in addition to a $1,000 discretionary research account.

For more information, call Holly Myers-Jones, interim director of Sponsored Programs and Research, at 2-2481.
Women, children crossing borders
topic of talk
Donna Gay, who teaches history and Latin American Studies at the University of Arizona, will be the next speaker in the Provost's Lecture Series. Her presentation, "Women and Children Crossing the Border," will focus on the legal and policy issues related to the history of women crossing frontiers, often illegally, to protect their children. She will take as a springboard the case of young Elian Gonzalez and his attempted immigration to the U.S. with his mother.

The lecture will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 24 in McFall Gallery. The series is sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society and the Office of the Provost in conjunction with the Substance Abuse Program in Policy History.