

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH
MINUTES
March 14, 2002**

Attendance: John Arbogast, David Travis for Dave Barrett, S. K. De Datta, Chris Dula, Robert Dunay, Amy Emerson, Clark Jones, Doris Kincade, James Littlefield, Joe Marcy, Doug McAlister, Ed Overton (telecon), Eric Pappas, Ted Settle, Judith Shrum, Tom Wilkinson

Absent: Greg Boardman, Sarah Burkett, Louis Helfrich, Susanna Rinehart, Susan Sumner, Andy Swiger, Dee Whittier, Deb Williams, Tammy Strand

Guest: John Dooley

1. Welcome
Eric Pappas, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the March meeting, and asked those present to introduce themselves.
2. Agenda Approval
The agenda was approved as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes, January 23, 2002
The January 23, 2002 Minutes have been voted on, approved electronically, and forwarded to University Council.
4. Continuing/New Business
 - Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence — Joe Marcy reported that a committee of five consisting of Joe Marcy, chair; Robert Dunay; Doris Kincade; Greg Boardman; and Sarah Burkett; will review 12 nominations for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence. The rankings will be summarized, and the award recipient will be reported to the chair within a month. The award recipient will be recognized at the May 9, 2002 Commission on Outreach meeting.
 - Alumni Award for Team Outreach Excellence — As discussed at last month's Commission on Outreach meeting, Tom Tillar will take the proposal for an Alumni Award for Team Outreach Excellence to their spring meeting of the Alumni Association Board for action.
 - Committee to Study Promotion and Tenure
Eric Pappas, Judith Shrum, Joe Marcy and John Dooley will serve on a committee to further define scholarship, and to explore faculty contributions in outreach that can be used as models or examples of outreach. Faculty, deans and department heads as well as other commissions and Faculty Senate need to be involved. This committee will make contacts with Pennsylvania State University, Michigan State University and North Carolina State

University to find out how outreach is valued in their promotion and tenure processes.

- Staff Development

The Outreach Faculty Development Program Task Group with membership of Judith Jones, Jim Johnson, Susan Sumner, Ted Settle and John Dooley recommended the creation of a staff development program as it relates to outreach. An interim report was shared at the last meeting of the Commission on Outreach and the same report was taken to the Outreach Council, since this was a joint effort of the two groups. Outreach Council feels there is a need to look at partnering in research as well as teaching and bringing forth an annual major scholarship event that represents all three missions of teaching, research and outreach with a target date of Spring 2003. This will be an on-going agenda item for the upcoming Outreach Council meeting as well as to bring this to other Commissions to begin a dialogue to pursue this agenda. John Dooley invited further input for the development of the program.

5. Restructuring

A committee is being appointed to address restructuring by the Provost. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to nominate Eric Pappas, Vice Chair of the Commission on Outreach, to serve on this committee. The Provost Office will be notified this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary