The Academic Awards Committee had the pleasant task of reviewing nominations for university-wide undergraduate academic awards, as well as for several departmental and interdepartmental prizes. In early January, award nominations were solicited from faculty members, department chairs, and program directors, and were due in the middle of February. Award nomination packets were compiled by the Division of Undergraduate and Graduate Students for review by the committee. Assessment of candidates and selection of award recipients took place in late February and early March.

This year’s committee consisted of eleven faculty members appointed from a broad spectrum of departments in the School of Arts and Sciences, and two faculty members from the School of Engineering. There were also three voting ex officio members: the dean of academic advising and undergraduate studies, the associate dean of student affairs, and the director of financial aid.

Important dates for the year were:

- January 6, 2014: First electronic mailing to faculty, chairs and program directors about academic award nominations. Department chairs and assistants also received a hard copy of this information.

- January 27, 2014: Second electronic reminder to department chairs and assistants about academic award nominations.

- February 14, 2014: Award nominations due by 5pm.

- February 24-26, 2014: Nomination packets distributed to committee members. Because of the large number of nominations and the short time committee members had to read them, the committee was divided into two groups. Each group was assigned half the nominations, although people had the option of reading all of them. Members were asked to rank their top three candidates for each award.

- March 12, 2014, 4:00-8:00pm: Meeting in Dowling Hall during which committee members conferred and selected winners for all general prizes and scholarships. Departmental prizes and scholarships were determined by the respective departments. Certain competitive prizes and scholarships such as the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial
Prize and the Marshall Hochhauser Prize were determined by their respective committees.

- April 25, 2014: The 114th Honors Convocation took place in Cohen Auditorium at 7:30pm, following a performance by sQ! Committee Chair Grossman served as emcee once again. We were delighted to have a platform party consisting of the following distinguished people: Anthony Monaco, 13th President of Tufts University; Chris Swan, Associate Dean, School of Engineering; John Barker, Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Students; Mary Pat McMahon, Dean of Student Affairs; Carmen Lowe, Dean of Academic Advising and Undergraduate Studies; Charles Inouye, Professor, Department of German, Russian, and Asian Languages and Literatures, winner of the 2013 Leibner Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising, and faculty speaker. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, guests were invited to a reception in Alumnai Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wallace Grossman, Professor, Drama and Dance; Chair, Academic Awards Committee

On behalf of committee members:
Shuchin Aeron, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Joseph DeBold, Professor, Psychology
Thomas Downes, Associate Professor, Economics
Ikumi Kaminishi, Associate Professor, Art & Art History
Sergiy Kryatov, Senior Lecturer, Chemistry
Catherine Kuo, Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering
Carmen Lowe, Dean of Academic Advising and Undergraduate Studies, ex officio, voting
Scott MacLachlan, Associate Professor, Mathematics
George Norman, Professor, Economics
Marisel Perez, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, ex Officio, voting
Vincent Pollina, Associate Professor, Romance Languages
Dennis Rasmussen, Assistant Professor, Political Science
Kamran Rastegar, Associate Professor, German, Russian, and Asian Languages and Literatures
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