

SENATE TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
1996-97
Summary

TO: Oakland University Senate
FROM: Susan Wood, Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, 1996-97 -

I. Budget: Allocated: \$5810. President Russi and Acting VPAA Connellan approved an additional \$1500 for educational development grants.

Major expenditures:

Luncheons:	\$646
Newsletter:	\$132
Faculty Forum;	\$434
Educational Development Grants:	\$1500, supplemented by additional \$1500
Teaching Excellence Award:	\$2500

II. Activities:

- A. Newsletter, Insights and Ideas for Teaching and Learning, 2 issues
- B. Faculty luncheons
Fall: speaker Laura Schartman, "The Oakland University Student: Today, Tomorrow, and the 21st Century."
Winter: Panelists Vincent Khapoya, Beverly Berger, Billy Minor, and Ronald Swartz, "Teaching Evaluations and Tenure and Promotion Decisions."
- C. Faculty Forum, Friday, February 7, on teaching methods.
- D. Award of Educational Development Grants. We received 5 applications, all deserving of support. However, the amounts requested exceeded our 3000 budget by \$280. We therefore decided to fund each proposal at 91% of the amount requested.
- E. Teaching Excellence Award: The committee received 11 nominations, from which we chose Toni Walters of SEHS as the 1997 winner.
- F. Miscellaneous: The committee arranged showings of videos in the O.C. on Martin Luther King Day, and sent a memorandum of support for the funding of the Academic Opportunity Program.

III. Suggestions for the future

- A. Stabilize the funds for the Educational Development Grants at \$3000, at least.
- B. Next year's committee should co-sponsor a Forum on Diversity that Professors Buhendwa, Follo and Wiggins are planning. UCUI and the Human Relations Committee will also sponsor this event; funding has already been promised.
- C. Consider inviting a speaker from Kansas State University to lecture about the findings of their assessment program. This project would require additional funding.
- D. Consider rotating the Teaching Excellence Award among different areas and disciplines, as is currently done for the Research Excellence Award.