

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

The Provost is pleased to request faculty nominations for teaching, research and service awards for spring 2013.



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Most of us who enjoy the responsibilities of faculty life are motivated by the relative autonomy of our work, an opportunity to be effective in what we do, a sense of belonging to an energetic learning community and both intrinsic and external rewards and recognition. The current faculty awards structure in the Division of Academic Affairs is intended to address the last element in this list of motivational factors. It reflects the fundamental belief that faculty value recognition and want others to see their work as worthwhile. Last fall FHSU recognized Dr. Robert Channell as Faculty Member of the Year. The fall 2012 awardees were Dr. Steve Sedbrook (Teaching), Dr. Kyle Stone (Scholarly Activity) and Dr. Rita Hauck (Service).

In addition to recognition by colleagues, each semester award carries with it the monetary sum of \$500. The Faculty Member of the Year who is chosen from the six semester winners carries a \$1,000 stipend to be awarded at the Fall Convocation. A large portion of the monetary resources for this program is a result of the generosity of our partner in this initiative, Commerce Bank, and especially its president, Tom Thomas. I urge you to thank Tom when you get the opportunity. His conviction that our FHSU faculty deserve special recognition is greatly appreciated.

The success of this award process depends on faculty participation at the nomination stage and in the deliberation process with the Provost's Council. **You are encouraged to identify and nominate your colleagues believed worthy of recognition.** The criteria for the nomination process are specific to each college and the departments within those academic units. Feel free to contact your chair, dean, or my office if you desire further information.

Process and Timeline for Faculty Awards	
Notice provided to faculty about the awards and nomination process.	January 28
Nominations due to department chair. Nomination letter should be two pages or less.	February 15
Chair reviews nomination(s) and submits recommendation to Dean. Minimal supporting materials may accompany the recommendation.	February 28
Dean reviews nominations and submits recommendations to the Assistant Provost for Quality Management. Minimal supporting materials may accompany the recommendations.	March 22
Assistant Provost organizes and synthesizes all recommendations and supporting materials and submits materials to Provost's Council. Provost's Council reviews recommendations, deliberates, and produces the final recommendation for each award.	April 23
Provost forwards recommendations to President.	April 25