

The Student Government Association of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

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SGA Outstanding Faculty & Staff Award

This Act seeks to recognize and honor exceptional faculty and staff members who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the academic, professional, and personal development of students. The Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor two new awards, the "Outstanding Faculty Award" and the "Outstanding Staff Award," to be presented at the annual Minerva Awards ceremony.

SECTION 1: Definitions

For the purposes of this Act:

1. **"Outstanding Faculty Award"** shall refer to an award presented to a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, mentorship, student development, and overall contribution to the academic environment of the institution.
2. **"Outstanding Staff Award"** shall refer to an award presented to a full-time staff member who has exhibited extraordinary dedication in supporting the campus community, enhancing student life, and maintaining efficient administrative operations.
3. **"Minerva Awards Ceremony"** shall refer to the annual event hosted by Student Life that celebrates student, faculty, and staff achievements.

SECTION 2: Eligibility

1. **Faculty Eligibility:** All full-time faculty members, including professors, assistant professors, and associate professors, are eligible to be nominated for the "Outstanding Faculty Award."
2. **Staff Eligibility:** All full-time administrative, support, and service staff members are eligible to be nominated for the "Outstanding Staff Award."

SECTION 3: Nomination and Selection Process

1. **Nomination Procedure:**
 - o Nominations for both awards shall be submitted through a form provided by the Student Government Association.
 - o The nomination form shall require a statement detailing specific examples of the nominee's contributions to student success, mentorship, campus involvement, and overall impact on the university community.
2. **Selection Committee:**

- A selection committee, composed of Student Government Association members, and student leaders, shall be established to review the nominations.
- The committee shall evaluate the nominees based on the following criteria: a. Demonstrated commitment to enhancing student experiences. b. Impact on academic or campus life. c. Positive contributions to the university community. d. Consistent support of students' personal and professional development.

3. Announcement of Winners:

- The winners of the "Outstanding Faculty Award" and "Outstanding Staff Award" shall be announced at the Minerva Awards ceremony.
- The Student Government Association shall ensure that the recipients are publicly recognized at the event.

SECTION 4: Award Presentation

1. Certificate of Appreciation:

- Each recipient of the "Outstanding Faculty Award" and the "Outstanding Staff Award" shall receive a Certificate of Appreciation, acknowledging their contributions to the university and campus community.
- The certificates shall be formally presented during the Minerva Awards ceremony.

2. Public Recognition:

- In addition to receiving the certificate, each award recipient shall be publicly recognized at the ceremony, with their achievements highlighted during the event.

SECTION 5: Funding and Resources

1. The Student Government Association shall allocate \$200 funds for the production of certificates and any additional materials or resources required for the awards presentation. Any unused funds will be put back into General Funds
2. The funding for this program shall be included in the annual budget of the Student Government Association.

SECTION 6: Implementation

- The nomination process for both awards shall begin in February with the deadline for submissions being mid-March.
- The winners of both awards shall be selected no later than March 15th, with the awards being presented at the Minerva Awards ceremony in April.

SECTION 7: Annual Tradition

- It is the intent of the Student Government Association to make the "Outstanding Faculty Award" and "Outstanding Staff Award" an annual tradition. The Student Government Association shall ensure the continuation and promotion of these awards in future academic years.

SECTION 8: Conclusion

- The purpose of this Act is to formally recognize and celebrate the dedication of faculty and staff members who make significant contributions to the university. By introducing these awards, the Student Government Association seeks to foster a culture of appreciation and gratitude, encouraging continued excellence in both academic and administrative endeavors.

Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following:

All Current members of the USAO Government Association (SGA) Senate, all current members of the SGA Executive Council, all current members of the SGA Supreme Court, all current advisors of the SGA, Accessibility Services, Student Life Office, President Kayla Hale, and whom else the SGA sees fit.

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