

To: Policy Council  
From: The Committee on Teaching  
April 2, 2003

Over the course of the past year the Committee on Teaching working with Associate Dean of Teacher Education Diana Lambdin and graduate assistant Dinorah Sapp organized a number of events and completed a number of tasks. The majority of the committee work consisted of reviewing submissions for the AI Awards, Faculty Teaching Awards, helping to present Award-winning Classroom Teaching Workshops, and organizing a Celebration of Teaching. Members of the committee were: Valarie Akerson, William Boone, Bia D'Ambrosio, Lee Ehman, Jerry Harste, Diana Lambdin, Luisa McCarty, Mary McMullen, Bobbie Partenheimer, Dinorah Sapp and Barbara Wolf.

The workshops were organized by Lee Ehman, Dinorah Sapp, and Diana Lambdin.

The AI Award committee was chaired by Valarie Akerson.

The Faculty Award committee was chaired by Bill Boone and Jerry Harste.

The Celebration of Teaching was organized by Diana Lambdin and Dinorah Sapp.

Cary Buzzelli (not a member of the committee) graciously agreed to serve as a reader for the Faculty Award committee.

Below is a brief description of the major tasks carried out by the committee.

### **Award-winning Classroom Teaching (ACT) Workshops**

In order to promote communication about exemplary teaching practices, during the spring semester the Committee on Teaching sponsored a series of one-hour workshops conducted by faculty and associate instructors who won teaching awards in the spring of 2003. They involved eight individuals during three workshop days: February 7, March 28 and April 11. Each presenter linked a teaching topic to their courses, and provided a handout with assignments/activities to illustrate their topic within a specific course context. The ACT workshops will continue during the 2003-2004 year, with the spring 2003 award-winners presenting and facilitating.

### **AI Awards & Faculty Teaching Awards**

A large number of submissions for AI and Faculty awards were reviewed.

### **Celebration of Teaching**

On April 10<sup>th</sup> a celebration of teaching was held---on that date winners of the AI and faculty awards were presented and also asked to make brief presentations. The committee was involved in this celebration but the most of the work for preparing the celebration was carried out by Diana Lambdin and Dinorah Sapp.

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