

## 2020-2021 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN COMMITTEE REPORT

### Awards Committee

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Alison Buchan, co-chair

Jill Zambito, co-chair

Michelle Kwon, member

Alex Garnhart-Bushakra, member

### **Summary of committee's accomplishments in 2020-2021**

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the Awards Committee focused on award marketing efforts, award ceremony (re)establishment, award selection, and award notification. Our small and mighty committee was able to collaboratively work with campus partners to help ensure increased awareness of the award application/nomination processes. Our committee worked diligently to review and score the applications for their eventual selection. We are thrilled to share that we received high numbers of outstanding applications, making our selection process that much more competitive and challenging. As a result, we are sending notification letters to some of the top contenders so that they are aware of their nominations, a wonderful honor despite not being selected. Additionally, we were able to (re)establish with campus partners, the awards being bestowed at the Chancellor's Honors Awards Banquet (which was impacted by the pandemic).

### **Recommendations for how the campus administration can support the Awards committee in making progress in its initiatives in 2021-2022**

Recommendation: ensure that the awardees are honored at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet annually (the pandemic impacted the ceremony this year and as such, the event planners had to make important decisions about which awards would be able to be presented in the two ceremonies).

### **Committee's recommendations for priorities for the CFW for the 2021-22 academic year**

Recommendation: create an improved marketing structure to grow awareness of the award application and nomination process.

Recommendation: consider alternative ways to acknowledge student awardees that are not monetary (we learned at the end of AY20-21 that campus fiscal policy prevents bestowing monetary awards to students).