GRADUATE COUNCIL
Fellowship Annual Report

August 11, 2008 through May 18, 2009

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Ann Winch Fellowship
- Thirteen nominations were received and reviewed.
- The 2008 recipient is Marie Fahringer.

Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Awards
- Reviewed and ranked the 22 dissertations and 2 thesis submitted for the 2009 OTD awards
- Voted to select 4 dissertation awards, but 0 thesis awards
- Recommended change to OTD process of review and award date as follows:
  - The OTD awards will become part of the USF Research week and will be announced during the awards ceremony associated with that event.
  - An evaluation worksheet will be developed that is similar to that used for the evaluation of the Presidential awards
  - A three page narrative will be required for each thesis or dissertation that provides the reviewer with the following context of the manuscript: 1) overall impact in the field of study; 2) novelty of the study; 3) potential for marketing of the findings an 4) publications that arose from the study (including the importance of the journal where the publication occurred, or stature of the book).

Presidential Fellowships
- Received 26 nominations with four fellowships awarded
- Reviewed application process and made the following changes effective for the 2009 applicants:
  - A limit of TWO nominees for each DEPARTMENT
  - If multiple nominees are sent forward, the department must provide a ranking of the nominees
  - Departments must provide the history of the current and previous Presidential fellows including: graduation dates, faculty mentor and productivity measures
  - Departments must submit an annual progress report for each active Presidential fellow that includes benchmarks for the next academic year
- Reviewed and ranked the 2009 Presidential nominees. Four awards can be made for 2009.
- Recommended that all Presidential Fellows must submit an annual progress report by Feb 1 of each year in which they have the award.

Submitted by Dr. Rick Pollenz, Graduate School Liaison
June 16, 2009