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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Frederick I. Murphy
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FROM: Kern Alexander, President *KA*

SUBJECT: Recognition for Outstanding Faculty

As I know you are aware, I am extremely interested in providing for new avenues for recognizing our outstanding faculty. At my request, Dr. Robert V. Haynes appointed a task force to recommend ways of accomplishing this goal. For your information, I am attaching a copy of their report which Dr. Haynes and I find valuable.

Currently we recognize at the Commencement outstanding faculty who receive the College Excellence Awards and the three faculty who receive the University Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Public Service, and Research. There is some concern among graduates and their parents that we do not give enough attention to our students at Commencement. I would appreciate it if the Faculty Senate would address the issue of when and how we might formally recognize faculty achievement. Perhaps a fall or spring convocation in which we would invite an outside speaker of national prominence might be a more appropriate forum than Commencement which should be reserved for student recognition.

I would appreciate receiving your recommendations and response to the Task Force report by November 1, 1987. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter of faculty morale.

KA:mcb

Attachment