Background: In 2003, the Academic Senate passed AS-602-03/RP&D, Resolution on Establishing a Faculty Award to Recognize Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development at Cal Poly. Since that time, the award has been administered by the Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee.

WHEREAS, Cal Poly is an institution known for its high quality of undergraduate education; and

WHEREAS, The University recognizes the interdependence of teaching and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, The University defines scholarship in broad terms as the scholarship of teaching, the scholarship of discovery, the scholarship of integration, and the scholarship of application; and

WHEREAS, This definition encompasses those activities traditionally known as research, creative activity, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly has already established a "Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award" to recognize faculty achievements in these areas; and

WHEREAS, In establishing the award, the Academic Senate resolved to also establish a "Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Awards Committee" to conduct the selection process and determine on an ongoing basis the policies and procedures to be used for selecting recipients of the award; and

WHEREAS, Said committee has not been constituted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the "Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award" be renamed the "Distinguished Scholarship Award"; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the proposed "Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Awards Committee" be tenanted the "Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the committee include as voting members one representative from each college and from Professional Consultative Services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the committee include as ex officio members the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, and two student members to represent ASI; and be it further

RESOLVED: That within this composition the committee should include previous award recipients; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the members be appointed in time to administer the award for the 2005-2006 academic year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be amended to include the listing of the Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee (Section VIII.AA) and its committee description (Section VIII.I.4.a & b) as follows:

[VIII.B: Except as noted in the individual committee description, committees shall include at least one voting General Faculty representative from each college and from Professional Consultative Services.]

VIII.I.4.a. Membership:
The ex officio members of the Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs or designee, and two students—one undergraduate and one graduate—appointed by ASI.

Ex officio members shall be nonvoting members of the committee.

The faculty members of the committee should include former recipients of the Distinguished Scholarship Award.

VIII.I.4.b. Responsibilities:
The Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee shall conduct the selection process and determine the policies and procedures to be used for judging potential candidates for the Distinguished Scholarship Award.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee
Date: May 2, 2005
Revised: May 13, 2005
To: David Hannings  
Chair, Academic Senate  

From: Warren J. Baker  
President  

Date: June 10, 2005  
Copies: R. Detweiler, S. Opava  

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-638-05  
Resolution on Renaming the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award and Renaming and Constituting the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity and Professional Development Awards Committee  

Based upon consultation with Interim Provost Robert Detweiler, this will acknowledge receipt and approval of the above-subject Resolution, subject to the following change in the Bylaws for the membership of the newly constituted and named Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee:

"The ex officio membership of the Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee shall be the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, as the designee of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and two students - one undergraduate and one graduate - appointed by ASI."

It IS our View that the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs would adequately represent the Academic Affairs Division.

Thank you, and please convey my gratitude for the continued good work of this Committee in recognizing the excellent professional development work of our faculty.