The Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee completed its main charge for the year in winter quarter 2012: selecting two awardees from the nominations solicited in fall 2012 and notifying the president with our recommendations.

The committee met three times in winter quarter: January 28, March 4, and March 6.

At the January 28 meeting the committee selected finalists from the original pool of nominees who had been solicited for initial materials, and chose a timeline for soliciting and reviewing further materials.

During the March 4 meeting the committee began deliberations on the merits of the finalists. Additionally, Bradford Anderson joined in both March deliberations as the newest member of the committee, following his appointment in February by the Provost to fill the position left vacant by Susan Opava.

The third meeting on March 6 resulted in the selection of two awardees from the eight finalists.

Suggestions at the latter two meetings were also considered in regard to approaching the president’s office with the possibility of recording the DSA colloquium either in video, or audio. A further suggestion for increasing the number of awards from two to three was also raised, and the chair will also sound the Provost out on whether this might be worth pursuing from the angle of Provost funding for the awards. On March 13, the chair sent a letter recommending the awardees to the president, cc-ing the Academic Senate Office, and also contacted the president’s office to forward the committee’s suggestions for the Distinguished Faculty Colloquium.

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