

Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee Fall 2011 Report

The Distinguished Scholarship Awards (DSA) Committee met twice during fall quarter (October 7, Nov 8). The committee had four goals this quarter: to solicit nominations and begin screening eligible nominations; to finish revising the award description and criteria; to finish revising the committee procedures; and to write and submit a resolution to the Senate Executive Committee to serve as a vehicle for formalizing the new description and criteria, and provide the proper framework for submitting the revised committee procedures.

With the help of the Academic Senate office, nominations were solicited through email from faculty, students, and alumni. In a further effort to solicit nominations, contact was made with personnel at the Mustang Daily who ran an article about both the DSA and DTA awards. 73 total nominations were submitted. 26 of these contained insufficient information to merit further consideration. Excluding duplicates, the remaining 36 unique nominees were submitted to Academic Personnel to determine eligibility. Due to a miscue between the committee and Academic Personnel, eligibility for these 26 unique nominees will be determined between quarters, postponing the committee's initial review.

Revised award description and criteria, revised procedures, and a resolution were all approved and forwarded to the Academic Senate office, and have been put on the Executive Committee's Agenda for January 3.

In winter quarter, the committee will screen evaluate the nominees and in spring will recommend two awardees to the President's Office and Academic Senate.

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