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To: Academic Senate

From: Nanine Van Draanen, Professor and Chair, Department of Chemistry
Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, 2012-2013

Re: Report for Fall Quarter, 2012
Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee of the Academic Senate

Fall quarter is essentially a planning quarter for the Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA) Committee. During this time period, Committee Chair Nanine Van Draanen conferred with Academic Senate Administrative Assistant Gladys Gregory, and HRIS analysts Sharon Chan and Lindsay May to develop a timeline and eligibility requirements. Announcements and solicitations for nominations were also developed in conjunction with Gladys Gregory.

The committee met once during Fall Quarter, on October 11, 2012. The meeting included myself, Lee Burgunder; Wayne Howard; Umut Toker; and Ashley Chandler. Absent were Connor Edward Paquin; India Davignon; and Peter J. Runge. There is no representative from CENG. The mandate of the committee was presented, and the process for selection of finalists and awardees was discussed. The basic norms by which the committee would operate were also discussed. A paperless workflow was agreed upon, as in years past.

Nanine Van Draanen and Gladys Gregory subsequently collaborated to implement solicitation of nominations. An attempt was made to have an article placed in the Mustang Daily, but this was unsuccessful. Nominations were received from students from November 1 through December 2. A total of 103 nominations were received, of which 46 were for eligible faculty; of those, 40 represented unique faculty members. Eligible faculty from every college were nominated.

Committee members received the digital package of nominations from Gladys Gregory December 4. The committee members will review nomination materials during the break period and will meet during the first two weeks of winter quarter 2013 to select finalists for the 2012-13 academic year award. The intensive process of class visitations will occur during the last five weeks of Winter quarter and the first five weeks of Spring quarter of 2013.