

Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee Fall 2014 Report

12 December 2014

The Distinguished Scholarship Awards (DSA) Committee met once in fall quarter 2014 (October 14). At this time, the committee lacked representation from the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Science and Math, and ASI (undergrad; ex officio). There were two goals for the quarter, all of which have been completed:

- To set the timeline for nominations, the solicitation of materials from nominees, and discussions of the nominees.
- To solicit CVs and short statement from all eligible nominees. These materials were due on 12 December 2014 and will be circulated to the committee for review.

This year, fifty-four faculty members were nominated through the Academic Senate DSA website. Thirty-eight were judged to be eligible based on the criteria for the DSA. However, nominations for seventeen of these failed to refer to scholarship in any way and were thus discarded. Generally, such nominations come from students who mention only the nominee's teaching skills. The DSA Committee chair solicited a CV and a short statement from the remaining twenty-one nominees. The DSA Committee members will begin review of these documents over winter break.

In winter quarter, the committee will meet several times to select finalists from the original nominations. These finalists will be asked to submit additional material. This year, three awards will be given (previously, only two were given).

In addition, the DSA Committee chair and the Academic Senate will continue to look for representation from CLA, CSM, and ASI (undergraduate).

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