

## **Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee Winter 2012 Report**

The Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee completed its two main charges for the year in winter quarter 2012. These were:

1. Submission & acceptance of procedures to the Academic Senate Executive Committee.
2. Selection of two awardees and notification of the President of these selections.

Consequent to work in previous committee meetings, and prior to any meetings in winter quarter, the chair presented a resolution to revise the name of the award and its criteria to the Senate Executive Committee on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the resolution was tabled due to concerns about both the name change and the suggested change in the eligibility criterion from three to five years of employment at Cal Poly.

The committee met three times in winter quarter: January 9, January 31, and March 6.

At the first meeting on January 9 the failure of the resolution and consequent revisions to the procedures to be submitted during this academic year were discussed. Timelines and strategies for gathering and disseminating the first round of award nominees' materials were determined.

The second meeting on January 31 resulted in the selection of 7 finalists, and approval of a motion to submit newly revised procedures to the Executive Committee.

The third meeting on March 6 resulted in the selection of two awardees from the seven finalists. Suggestions were also considered in regard to the timing and venue of the Distinguished Scholarship Awards Faculty Colloquium. On March 9 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 colloquium.

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