



Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee

Chair: Lars Tomanek (non-voting; BCSM – Biological Sciences)

Fall 2025 Report

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FALL 2025 MEETING DATES:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

| Representation | Name |
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| ASI – Undergraduate Student | Erandy Fernandez-Ortiz |
| ASI – Graduate Student | Alexis Kong |
| BCSM | Clinton Francis |
| CAED | Dale Clifford |
| CAFES | Richard Cobb |
| CENG | Scott Hazelwood |
| CLA | Lucy Benchait |
| Non-Voting Chair | Lars Tomanek |
| OCOB | Daeun Philip Lee |
| Office of Research | Dean Wendt |
| Solano Campus | Joshua D. Shackman |
| PCS | Vacant |

AY 2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHARGES:

| Charge | Status (e.g., completed, ongoing, postponed, etc.) | Notes |
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| Evaluate candidates and recommend recipients for the Distinguished Scholarship Award (DSA). Ongoing | Nominations were received and the first-round material (CV and 250-word summary of activities) has been requested (will be received by Dec. 17). | We received about 40 nominations. The DSA committee will review the CVs and short essays through the end of December and beginning of January 2026. We will meet during the third week of winter quarter to decide on a list of finalists, who we will ask to submit a more extensive exposé of their scholarly activities. |
| Review and modify committee procedures and bylaws to accommodate representation from Cal Poly, Solano campus and | Ongoing | Since we have not met yet, we have not had the opportunity to discuss any procedural modifications to enhance the inclusion of the Cal Poly Solano campus community. |



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| conversion to semesters (if necessary). AY 2025-2026 | | |
| Compose and bring to the Executive Committee for consideration a resolution revising the number of distinguished scholarship awards from three to four. AY 2025-2026 | Ongoing. | My recollection is that Jerusha Greenwood talked to the provost about the possibility and received an encouraging response, but nothing has been formalized. This AY there was no nomination from the Solano campus. So, we have time to formalize and announce it more widely to the Solano campus next AY. |
| Suspend the bylaws to allow for the creation of an ad hoc DSA committee for the Solano campus to facilitate the review of nominee packets, with the Solano at-large committee representative serving as the lead ad hoc committee chair. AY 2025-2026 | Unclear | I have not been included in this conversation but supportive of such a set-up as it seems to enhance the fair evaluation of our Solano colleagues. |
| Discuss impact of the proposed Year-Round Operations calendar and administrative structure on DSA bylaws, policies, and procedures, Solano academic calendar considerations, and draft revision plans as needed. Ongoing through conversion | Ongoing. | I will bring this to the attention of the full committee as we approach the end of the AY, after finalizing the awards, as committee members will have a better idea of the sequence of events and how they can be completed during YRO. |

GENERAL COMMENTS:

We are excited about the nominations and are looking forward to reviewing the incoming material. While we will discuss and evaluate the merits, we will also brainstorm how the steps from nomination, finalist selection to award decision can accommodate YRO.