



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
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 Benchairt
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:

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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 expose 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.