



Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee

Chair: Soma Roy, Statistics (BCSM)

Fall 2025 Report

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FALL 2025 MEETING DATES:

- Thursday, October 16
 - Attendees: Hannah Reyes, Emily White, John Clements, Brad Campbell, Wilson Kang, Tony Lewis (on Zoom), Soma Roy
 - Minutes:
 - Unanimous vote to suspend the bylaws to allow for the creation of an ad hoc DTA 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.
 - Tony Lewis (Solano representative) is serving as the ad hoc committee chair for the Solano DTA committee.
 - Tony is working on recruiting 2 or 3 additional faculty members to serve on the Solano committee. They will shortlist 3 finalists from those nominated to ask for submission of materials, and do class visits for, and then select one awardee from the 3.
 - Unanimous vote to increase total number of votes to four, three for San Luis Obispo campus and one for Solano campus
 - Discussion on makeup of DTA committee: whether non-tenured members and/or lecturers are eligible; reach out to Academic Senate for clarification
 - Discussion of eligibility for DTA nomination: whether and why non-tenured members, and lecturers, in particular, are not eligible for the award.
 - Discussion of timeline for next year on the semester calendar: possible timeline discussed would seek nominations at the end Spring, DTA committee would review applications and shortlist finalists in early Fall, and class visits would take place late Fall and early Spring semester. Soma is working on a draft of that timeline.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Representation	Name
ASI – Student Representative	Jett Palmer
ASI – Student Representative	Hannah Reyes
BCSM	Soma Roy (Chair)
CAED	Emily White
CAFES	Lucy McGowan
CENG	John Clements
CLA	Brad Campbell
OCOB	Wilson Kang
Solano Campus	Tony Lewis
PCS	Vacant



AY 2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHARGES:

Charge	Status (e.g., completed, ongoing, postponed, etc.)	Notes
Evaluate candidates and recommend recipients for the Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA). Ongoing	Ongoing	Applications will be reviewed during Winter break, and finalists will be shortlisted early Winter.
Discuss the impact of the Year-Round Operations (YRO) calendar, and administrative structure, and the Solano academic calendar considerations on DTA bylaws, policies, and procedures, and draft revisions as needed. Ongoing	Ongoing	We have discussed alternate timelines on the semester calendar for both campuses, and are in the process of drafting that. We will also update the bylaws, policies, and procedures documents accordingly.
Review and modify committee procedures and bylaws to include representation from the Cal Poly, Solano campus and reflect the university's conversion to semesters (as needed). AY 2025-2026	Ongoing	We have discussed alternate timelines on the semester calendar for both campuses, and are in the process of drafting that. We will also update the bylaws, policies, and procedures documents accordingly.
Compose and bring to the Executive Committee for consideration a resolution revising the number of distinguished teaching awards from three to four. AY 2025-2026	Completed	We voted to increase the number of awards to 4 (3 for San Luis Obispo campus and one for Solano campus) at our Oct 16 meeting, and it passed with a 7-0-0 vote, among those attending.
Suspend the bylaws to allow for the creation of an ad hoc DTA 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	Completed	

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- At this time, call for nominations have gone out on both campuses.