

Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee Fall 2015 Report

11 December 2015

The Distinguished Scholarship Awards (DSA) Committee did not meet during fall quarter 2015; all matters were handled through email.

Members:

Bradford Anderson, Administration

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At this time, the committee lacks representation from the College of Engineering and Professional Consultative Services.

There were three 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 11 December 2014 and will be circulated to the committee for review.
- To submit revised DSA criteria to the Academic Senate. The revised criteria were approved by the Academic Senate on November 17, 2015.

This year, fifty faculty members were nominated through the Academic Senate DSA website. Forty were judged to be eligible based on the criteria for the DSA. However, a number of nominations 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-four 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.

In addition, the DSA Committee chair and the Academic Senate will continue to look for representation from CENG and PCS.

Don Choi

Chair, Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee