

**ACADEMIC SENATE – Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee**

Spring 2023

Due: Friday, June 1, 2023

<b>MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>College/Unit</b>
Benson, Bridget	CENG
Cabugos, Leyla	PCS
Cobb, Richard	CAFES
Hagobian, Todd	Admin
Hamilton, Steve	OCOB
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Ronana, Briana	CSM
Tomanek, Lars (CH)	CSM
Yenovkian, Lily	ASI

<b>CHARGES</b>		
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Complete?</b>	<b>Status/Notes</b>
Evaluate candidates and recommend recipients for the Distinguished Scholarship Award. <b>Ongoing</b>	X	The DSA committee met twice in person and twice online to select the three awardees from the ten finalists after requesting extensive information from all finalists. After in-depth and comprehensive discussions of the various criteria of the award, we were able to agree on three awardees. This recommendation has been sent forward to the administration
Discuss impact of Q2S conversion on DSA policy and procedure and draft revision plans as needed. <b>Ongoing through conversion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There was not enough time this year to approach this question. As the current chair I assume that future chairs will adjust the timing of meetings so that a recommendation can be made to complete the process by the end of the academic year.
Review and modify committee procedures and bylaws as needed. <b>Ongoing</b>	X	The discussions of the committee highlighted the need to be more inclusive of scholarly work on issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity.

**NOTES: The committee appreciated the high number of assistant professors applying this year. As the DSA committee is aiming at giving appreciation to professors that have completed their scholarship at Cal Poly, with Cal Poly students involved, in previous years the committee weighted associate and full professors more if they had an equivalent level of accomplishment of scholarship**

than assistant professors. Even with this acknowledgment, scholarly activity emerges more clearly once a nominee has gotten tenure and became associate professor. The committee therefore was hoping that we should establish a “Young Investigator Award” for assistant professors.

Part of the challenge for the DSA of evaluating an assistant professor’s scholarly accomplishments in regards to the contribution that was added since arrival at Cal Poly is that junior faculty still publish the work from their PhD degree and post-doctoral fellowship. A Young Investigator Award would partly remedy this challenge. However, such an award may interfere with the tenure process within Departments.