

Annual Report: Academic Year 2009-10 Davis Division: Academic Senate

Committee on Public Service

Total Meetings: 2	Meeting frequency: as needed; UCDE proposals reviewed electronically	Average hours of committee work each week: 3
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Total UCDE Proposals Reviewed: 4 (See below.)	Total reviewed items deferred from the previous year: None	Total items deferred to the coming academic year: None.
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Listing of bylaw changes proposed: None.

Listing of committee policies established or revised: None.

Issues considered by the committee:

Objectivity and the presence of a mechanism to ensure objectivity in the review, discussion and ranking of Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award nominations.

DSPSA nominations received past the deadline.

Carrying over DSPSA nominations from the previous year.

Particulars of the DSPSA Call for Nominations

(i.e. unpaid service that extends a faculty member's expertise beyond the UCD campus)

(i.e. public service accomplishments are distinguished from normal academic responsibilities)

(i.e. presentation of nominations)

The criteria for ranking DSPSA nominees.

Whether or not remuneration for a service/effort that is public is a disqualifier.

Is a leave of absence that you get paid for doing another job a sacrifice because it is a career hit?

Confusion of public service with research.

Confusion of academic record with public service.

Confusion of position responsibilities with public service.

The role and significance of publications in ranking DSPSA nominees.

The actual value of candidate dossiers.

Recommended procedural or policy changes for the coming year: None.

Committee's narrative:

The committee's charge, Davis Division Bylaw 88, can be found via the following link:

http://academicssenate.ucdavis.edu/cej/manual/dd_bylaws.cfm?CFID=24354&CFTOKEN=67079693#88

The overarching committee charge is "to review and advise on non-personnel matters relating to the involvement of faculty in public service activities." The three principle tasks of the charge are to "Select up to four members of the faculty to receive the Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award (DSPSA) . . . review new offerings and the approval process for courses carrying University Extension credit . . . [and] establish policies and criteria for admission to University Extension courses."

The foci for the 2009-10 academic year were the DSPSA and four UCD Extension courses.

The Call for DSPSA Nominations was distributed on November 5, 2009, via the Academic Senate list serve.

The committee scheduled two meetings. At the first meeting, on December 3, 2009, Chair Polito presented a summary of the business of the committee; Jacquelyn Hague introduced herself as ex-officio committee member William Lacy's delegated replacement; the committee membership agreed in general that 1) the disclosure of a bias, particularly regarding the DSPSA nominations, was to be welcomed and that objectivity would be everyone's responsibility; 2) that only DSPSA nominators need recuse themselves; 3) that a two page nomination letter could be and should be written and submitted for a previous year's DSPSA nominee and their respective finalist dossier re-submitted with minor updates; and 4) administrative credentials are not really public service. The summary of the business of the committee touched on committee procedures, particularly award candidate ranking and voting procedures, and informed members of committee expectations, especially the learning about UCD faculty colleagues and the recognition and publicizing of their public service. The summary also drew attention to the difficulty of only being able to select up to four members of the faculty for the DSPSA and the burden put on departments to put together DSPSA candidate dossiers.

At the second meeting, on January 29, 2010, it was stressed that the committee needed to select its recommendations for the 2010 DSPSA recipients by the close of the meeting. It was explained that the committee's recommendations, which included biographical sketches of the recommended recipients, needed to be composed and submitted three days later in order to be put on the Representative Assembly's February agenda. During the meeting, the following points were deliberated: 1) the need to notify the recommended recipients in advance of the distribution of the RA February agenda and to inform them that the committee's recommendation was subject to the approval of the RA; 2) performed public service's influence on policy; 3) closeness of public service to candidate's discipline; 4) the value of the outreach of the public service performed; 5) amount of public service work done personally compared to involvement in public service; 6) the distribution of a candidate's work to the public arena; 7) the distribution of the DSPSA to a broader range of disciplines; 8) the consideration of junior faculty for the DSPSA; 9) the mention of past DSPSA nominees on the University Outreach and International Programs web site; and 10) the need for public service to be ranked higher than it is.

The committee reviewed six nominations for the 2010 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award (DSPSA), selected five finalists for further review and recommended four candidates as award recipients. The committee succeeded in submitting its recommendations, for approval by the Representative Assembly, prior to the assembly's February 11, 2010. Ryken Grattet, in the Department of Sociology, Gregory Herek, in the Department of Psychology, Michael Wilkes, in Internal Medicine: MED, and Susan Williams, at the Bodega Marine Laboratory, were approved as the 2010 DSPSA recipients. At the Academic Senate and Academic Federation Awards Reception scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010, each of the recipients was presented an honorarium and a certificate mounted on a plaque. Each recipient was also publically recognized in a brochure that was distributed at the reception, and each will be publically recognized on the DSPSA website ([click here](#)) and on the DSPSA list at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center.

The selection criteria used for the 2008-09 DSPSA was used for the 2009-10 DSPSA. The application of scholarship outside the realm of the university and exceptional service/effort beyond normal expectations were paramount. It was deemed important that the public service demonstrated the commitment of the UCD campus to public service. Besides scholarly work that has had an impact, or has the potential for having an impact, not only within the scholar's discipline but also in other disciplines, but especially in the public community, the committee agreed that the public service contributions of Scholarly Public Service awardees should show a strong connection to their scholarly activities and that *pro bono* work is to be considered more significant and in the spirit of scholarly public service than activities for which there is financial remuneration, although this should not be interpreted to exclude remunerated contributions from consideration.

The amount of the DSPSA honorarium remained \$500.00, and again the amount was increased using the gifted funds for this purpose.

The committee did not pursue the proposed change to Davis Division bylaw 88 that the 2008-09 committee postponed to the 2009-10 academic year. That change proposed that the Director of the Public Service Research Program be no longer designated as an ex-officio member of the committee. This proposed change may be pursued during the 2010-11 academic year.

The rationale for the proposed change was based on two considerations. First, the change would reflect the current status of the Public Service Research Program. The Public Service Research Program had been an independent unit, but it had now become a program within the John Muir Institute of the Environment. Second, the change would allow the more appropriate rotation of the position among outreach/public service units. Because positions comparable to the PSRP Director's position exist in other units on campus, it seemed reasonable to rotate the ex-officio position among them.

The committee conducted electronic reviews of four UCDE proposals. Three of the proposals were for new programs. One proposal focused on updating an existing program. All UCE proposals were reviewed in a timely manner.

The committee also responded in a timely manner to . . . [enter such items if they exist].

Respectfully submitted,

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