

Annual Report: Academic Year 2010-11 Davis Division: Academic Senate

Committee on Public Service

Total Meetings: 1	Meeting frequency: as needed; UCDE proposals reviewed electronically	Average hours of committee work each week: 1
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Total UCDE Proposals Reviewed: 5 (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.
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Listing of committee policies established or revised: None.

Issues considered by the committee: Resignation of originally appointed Chair and appointment and installation of replacement Co-chairs. Delay in PSC review and comment on UCDE certificate proposal caused by the resignation of appointed Chair and the selection, appointment and installation of replacement Co-chairs. Postponement of DSPSA selection process until the selection, appointment and installation of replacement Co-chairs—necessitated by the resignation of appointed Chair for health reasons. Carrying over the nominations of non-recipients from the previous year to the current year. Streamlining the DSPSA selection process to bring its timeline current with those of the Representative Assembly and the academic year. A more aggressive approach to publicizing the DSPSA, its recipients and UCD's public service.
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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://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/cerj/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 2010-11 academic year began with the unfortunate and untimely resignation of the Chair of the committee, for health reasons. Although the Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award Call for Nominations could be distributed before it became apparent that the appointed Chair would have to resign, the subsequent review and selection processes for the award and the committee review of one UCD Extension certificate program proposal had to be postponed until the chair position could be filled.

The 2010-11 Call for DSPSA Nominations was distributed on October 13, 2010, via the Academic Senate list serve.

Vito Polito, the appointed chair of the committee, submitted his resignation on October 22, 2010.

Lynn Roller and Marc Schenker were appointed Co-chairs of the committee as of December 16, 2010.

After Co-chairs Roller and Schenker were informed of the status of the committee and its business items, attention was focused on the DSPSA selection process and the committee response to the UCD Extension certificate program proposal that was submitted on October 22, 2010. A favorable and supportive committee recommendation letter regarding the UCDE proposal was sent to Dennis Pendleton, Dean of the UCD Extension, on January 10, 2011.

Only one committee meeting needed to be scheduled for the academic year. The welcoming and introductory meeting, traditionally scheduled in the Fall (October/November), was scheduled during the Winter Quarter, on February 4, 2011. At this meeting, Co-chairs Lynn Roller and Marc Schenker welcomed those attending, explained how they came to be appointed, and drew attention to the committee's normal business cycle and the need to bring the annual business current. Co-Chair Roller concluded members' introductions with a brief background of the PSC, focusing on its two main tasks: the selection of up to four recipients for the 2010 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award; and the review of University of California, Davis, Extension certificate program proposals. The established procedures for the committee's review of UDCE proposals, including the committee's recommendation letter, were presented and accepted as viable. (These procedures are described in the minutes of the meeting.)

The discussion of the nominations for the Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award that had been received by the November 15, 2010, deadline began with a conversation on the criteria to be used in selecting award recipients. The conversation included a summary of what previous committees had considered and deliberated. (The committee's 2009-10 annual report is referenced for this information.) The discussion of the nominations concluded with the selection of Amparo Villablanca, Ross Thompson, Neal Fleming and Jeffrey Williams as the 2010-11 DSPSA recipients to be recommended to the Representative Assembly for approval.

On February 24, 2011, the Representative Assembly approved the committee's recommended recipients for the 2010-11 DSPSA.

On May 11, 2011, at the Academic Senate and Academic Federation Awards Reception, 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 added to the DSPSA list of recipients maintained on the Academic Senate, Davis Division website.

The committee conducted electronic reviews of five new UCDE proposals. With the exception of the proposal presented for review in the Fall, all UCDE proposals were reviewed in a timely manner.

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 and was not addressed during that year. The change proposed that the Director of the Public Service Research Program no longer be designated as an ex-officio member of the committee. 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 since 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.

Although this proposed change was not pursued during the 2010-11 academic year, the following information came to light when Joyce Gutstein, former Director of the Public Service Research Program, was consulted via email October 7, 2010, and replied as follows:

The Public Service Research Program is fully absorbed into the John Muir Institute of the Environment and no one is the director of PSRP anymore. So, you may need to do nothing, as the Program is no longer a free standing entity.

Thus, I do recommend, as I have in the past, that such an “ex officio” position become a rotating one among campus units that conduct significant outreach/public service. PSRP has contributed for many years, and a rotating position would bring new perspectives to the Public Service Committee. Examples of entities that might then qualify include the Agricultural Sustainability Institute, Davis Humanities Institute, John Muir Institute of the Environment, and the Center for Regional Change (in CA&ES: another example of a unit that conducts and promotes significant engagement beyond the campus—as part of its core mission). Perhaps this could be the focus for a change in the bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

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