## Committee on Faculty Research Lecture Award

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<th>Total Meetings: Two meetings in Fall quarter and one meeting in Spring quarter.</th>
<th>Meeting frequency: 1-2 times/year</th>
<th>Average hours of committee work each week: Approximately 0.5-1 hour per nomination file (7.5-15 hours total to review 15 nominations in 06-07).</th>
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<td>A total of 15 nomination packets were reviewed. 6 of the nomination packets were deferred from 2005-06.</td>
<td>No nominations were deferred from the previous year.</td>
<td>Total agenda items carried forward to the coming academic year: None.</td>
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**Listing of bylaw changes proposed:** CoC proposed they appoint the membership of this committee to assure broad representation and to be in compliance with the bylaws on how other standing committee members are appointed. It was approved and membership for 2006-07 was appointed by CoC.

**Listing of committee policies established or revised:** No new policies were established or revised.

**Issues considered by the committee:** A single ceremony for all Academic Senate awards was discussed but not implemented at this time. The committee expressed their concern to the administration over the single ceremony. The committee agrees that the Faculty Research Lecture award ceremony needs to continue as its own event separate from the other Academic Senate awards.

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

### Committee's narrative:

The sole charge to this committee is to nominate a member of the faculty with a distinguished record in research to the Representative Assembly for confirmation. Accordingly, a Call for nominations was sent to all faculty on October 5, 2006. The committee received fifteen nomination packets for review and selected Professor Alan Hastings from Environmental Science and Policy as our 2007 Faculty Research Lecture Award recipient. His name was presented for confirmation at the February 5, 2007 Representative Assembly. Professor Hastings’s nomination was warmly received and confirmed.

A reception dinner was held in honor of Professor Alan Hastings on May 1, 2007 at which time he was presented with an honorarium and a plaque. Thereafter, he
presented a lecture entitled *The Next Frontier in Ecology*. The Department of Evolution and Ecology hosted a reception after the lecture.

The Provost asked the Academic Senate to consider two changes: 1) To revisit the notion of a combined ceremony for all awards; and 2) To consider changing the format of the reception from a dinner to hors d’oeuvres. The Faculty Research Lecture Award committee overwhelmingly was opposed to both proposals. They felt each award is separate and unique and should be treated that way with separate ceremonies. The committee was also opposed to the idea of hors d’oeuvres instead of a dinner reception stating it would lessen the importance and the level of recognition.

The Faculty Research Lecture committee wishes to reiterate their strong recommendation to CoC that this committee should be composed of past award winners, and the Chair should be the award winner from 2 years prior, with the expectation that the immediate past award winner would serve as Chair in 2 years (i.e., after serving for 1 year on the committee as a member).

Respectfully submitted,

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