Committee on Faculty Research Lecture Award

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<th>Total Meetings: 1</th>
<th>Meeting frequency: Typically one or two meetings a year.</th>
<th>Average hours of committee work each week: Approximately .5 – 1.5 hours per nomination file. This year, 4.5 – 13.5 hours total to review thirteen nominations.</th>
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<td>Total of nine nomination packets were reviewed.</td>
<td>No nominations were deferred from the previous year.</td>
<td>No nominations were carried forward to the coming academic year.</td>
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Listing of bylaw changes proposed: None.

Listing of committee policies established or revised: None.

Issues considered by the committee: The effect of the 2008-09 budget cuts on the Faculty Research Lecture Award, especially the delivery of the lecture by the selected award recipient; and the combining of the presentations of the Academic Senate awards and the Academic Federation awards into a single event.

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

Committee’s narrative:

The charge of this Committee is to nominate for election by the Representative Assembly a member of the faculty or staff at UC Davis who has established a distinguished record in research, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on a topic of their choice. Over the course of the 2008-09 academic year, this charge was fulfilled. A Call for Nominations was updated, and the Call distributed to all members of the Academic Senate on October 24, 2008. Nine nomination packets were received and reviewed by the committee. Professor Charles H. Langley, from the Department of Evolution and Ecology, was selected for nomination as the 2009 Faculty Research Lecture Award recipient, and he was elected as such by the Representative Assembly at their Winter Quarter meeting on February 24, 2009. Professor Langley was then honored on April 16, 2009, at a combined Academic Senate and Academic Federation academic awards event. On May 6, 2009, Professor Langley delivered a lecture entitled “Population Genomics: Challenges and Promise.”

At the combined awards event, Professor Langley was presented with an honorarium and a medallion. The College of Biological Sciences hosted the lecture and a reception that followed the lecture.
A challenge for the committee and the campus is to continue to be able to honor the recipient in an appropriate manner and provide an appropriate venue for the lecture given financial constraints.

Respectfully submitted,

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