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 1</th>
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<td>Total number of nomination packets reviewed: Confidential.</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 criteria to be used when reviewing nominations for the Faculty Research Lecture Award and the questions to be kept in mind when selecting the 2012 recipient of the award. The content and structure of nomination letters and whether the Call for Nominations should contain more explicit guidelines. The possible utilization of the new Director of National Awards and Fellowships, in Academic Affairs, to promote the FRL award internally, that is across the campus.

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. The 2011-12 FRL Committee fulfilled this charge. The Call for Nominations was updated, and the Call was distributed electronically on October 17, 2011.

Nomination packets were received and reviewed by the committee. On January 17, 2012, the committee met to discuss the nominations, the relative merits of the nominees, and to select the 2012 FRL award recipient.

Professor Michael Turelli, in the Department of Evolution and Ecology, was selected and recommended as the 2012 Faculty Research Lecture Award recipient. On February 28, 2012, the Representative Assembly approved the committee’s selection and recommendation by unanimous vote. Professor Turelli was honored on May 2, 2012, at a combined Academic Senate and Academic Federation awards event. On June 6, 2012, he delivered a lecture.
entitled “How good luck, great collaborators, pretty mathematics and maternally inherited bacterium (*Wolbachia*) may stop the spread of dengue fever.”

At the combined awards event, Professor Turelli was presented with an honorarium, a certificate mounted in a plaque and a medallion. The Department of Evolution and Ecology hosted the lecture and a reception that followed.

During the committee’s January 17, 2012, meeting, the committee discussed increasing membership to seven, or that number whereby each college and school on campus is represented. Subsequent to this meeting, Chair Dahlgren wrote to Gina Anderson, Executive Director of the Academic Senate, to inform her of the committee’s deliberations. Changing the membership required a formal proposal to amend Davis Division Bylaw 76, the Faculty Research Lecture Committee’s charge. No formal proposal to amend the committee’s charge was drafted or put to committee vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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