MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

RE: Nominations for the 2018-19 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate invites nominations for the 2018-19 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award. Up to four recipients are awarded annually. All tenured members of the Academic Senate (including Professors-in-Residence and Professors of Clinical (Specialty) at the level of Associate Professor or higher, as well as Lecturers with Security of Employment) who have not previously won the award are eligible for nomination by other members of the Academic Senate.

The award is presented in recognition of significant contributions to the world, nation, state, or local community through distinguished public service. The award is based on the University of California’s mission of excellence in public service and demonstrates the commitment of UC Davis to that mission.

Recipients will be honored at a combined Academic Senate and Academic Federation awards reception in spring 2019. Recipients and their achievements may be highlighted in UC Davis promotional articles or videos. Recipients will also receive an honorarium.

Definition of Distinguished Scholarly Public Service

Scholarly public service is an organized activity that extends a faculty member's expertise in teaching, research, or professional competence beyond the university campus into public arenas. For the purposes of this award, distinguished scholarly public service is the unpaid, focused, and sustained extension of a faculty member's disciplinary or technical expertise to the public and non-profit sector. For this award, public service cannot have resulted in significant monetary gain (private consulting), cannot have been performed as a private citizen (membership in local service clubs), and cannot have been as an elected public official. The nominee's public service while employed elsewhere will be considered, but the primary focus will be on public service while a faculty member at UC Davis.

Examples of public service include:

- Testifying before international, federal, state, or local legislative, executive, or judicial hearings, meetings, boards or commissions
- Consultations, advice, and recommendations to government boards, commissions, or agencies
- Membership on boards, commissions, or special committees of international, federal, state or local bodies
- Research for or collaboration with public agencies, boards, commissions, task forces, or committees
- Service to community groups, nonprofit organizations, and the general public in meetings, workshops, and conferences, including presentations to these groups or through the media
- Development and dissemination of information of state, national, or international importance through the production of non-profit documentary videos or film

Department chairs and chief administrative officers can often supply information about a nominee's public service record.
Nomination Package Requirements

Nomination packages must include:

1. Nomination letter (not to exceed two pages)
2. Nomination form (download here), which includes the following questions (please limit to two pages; answers to these questions are not a substitute for the nomination letter):
   - How did this individual demonstrate the extraordinary spirit of public service?
   - Please identify those whom the nominee serves or helps
   - Were the public service activities of this nominee compensated or part of a funded research project?
   - Please provide an example of a specific situation or project that demonstrates how this nominee has met and surpassed the criteria for the award
   - Other items to consider in evaluating the nominee for the award

The nomination letter should provide a comprehensive summary of the nominee’s qualities and accomplishments, should focus on the scope and impact of the public service efforts, and should detail the characteristics of the service that demonstrate the nominee's expertise. The letter should also describe any characteristics that set the nominee apart from other faculty. The committee will consider nominations with long-term as well as short-term distinguished scholarly public service. The nominator should insure that documentary evidence of service is available upon request by the committee; however, this material should not be attached to the nomination.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 21, 2018. Submit nomination packages to Davis Division Associate Director Mary Vasquez at mpvasquez@ucdavis.edu. Any questions can also be sent to Mary.

Sincerely,

Michael Rogawski
Chair, Committee on Public Service