MEETING CALL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE DAVIS DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Thursday, February 24, 2022
2:10 – 3:30 p.m.
Student Community Center Multipurpose Room

1. *October 28, 2021 Meeting Summary
2. Announcements by the President – None
3. Announcements by the Vice Presidents – None
4. Announcements by the Chancellor – None
   a. State of the Campus Address – Chancellor Gary May
5. Announcements by the Deans, Directors or other Executive Officers – None
6. Special Orders
   a. Remarks by Davis Division Chair Richard Tucker
7. Reports of standing committees
   a. Public Service
      i. Confirmation of the 2021-2022 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service
         Award Recipient
   b. Distinguished Teaching Award
      i. Confirmation of the 2021-2022 Distinguished Teaching Award Recipients
   c. Faculty Distinguished Research Award
      i. Confirmation of the 2021-2022 Faculty Distinguished Research Award
         Recipient
8. Petitions of Students
9. Unfinished Business
10. University and Faculty Welfare
11. New Business
12. Informational Items

Heather Rose, Secretary
Representative Assembly of the
Davis Division of the Academic Senate

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Thursday, October 28, 2021
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Zoom

1. *June 3, 2021 Meeting Summary
2. Announcements by the President – None
3. Announcements by the Vice Presidents – None
4. Announcements by the Chancellor – None
5. Announcements by the Deans, Directors or other Executive Officers – None
6. Special Orders
   a. Remarks by Davis Division Chair Richard Tucker
      • Students doing a great job with COVID-19 compliance; asymptomatic positivity rates are very low
      • Senate priorities for the year:
         ▪ Monitor the Equitable Access program
         ▪ Re-focus on recommendations from the Special Committee on Evaluation of Teaching
         ▪ Keep wildfire issues in mind; classes should have contingency plans
         ▪ The Systemwide Senate will focus on climate change issues
      • A systemwide study group has recommended against using Smarter Balanced as a replacement for SAT/ACT in admissions

Annual Reports on Consent Calendar:

b. *Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel – Oversight Committee
   c. *Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel – Appellate Committee
   d. *Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility
   e. *Annual Report of the Committee on Admissions and Enrollment
   f. *Annual Report of the Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity
   g. *Annual Report of the Committee on Courses of Instruction
   h. *Annual Report of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards
   i. *Annual Report of the Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction
   j. *Annual Report of the Emeriti Committee
   k. *Annual Report of the Faculty Distinguished Research Award Committee
   l. *Annual Report of the Committee on Faculty Welfare
   m. *Annual Report of the Grade Changes Committee
   n. *Annual Report of the Graduate Council
   o. *Annual Report of the Committee on Information Technology

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7. Reports of standing committees
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      • Proposed Revision Davis Division Regulation 521: University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement  75
   • 68 in favor, 3 opposed. Approved.

8. Petitions of Students
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Recommendation for the 2022 Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award

The University of California has a long tradition of service to the state and the people of California. Faculty members use their expertise in teaching, research, and professional competence to make unpaid contributions to local, statewide, national, or international public arenas. The Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award honors exceptional faculty who continue the tradition and demonstrate the commitment of UC Davis to public service.

The Public Service Committee recommends the following individual for the 2022 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award:

Distinguished Professor Walter Leal, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Biological Sciences

Distinguished Professor Walter Leal helped to address the critical need for accurate and accessible COVID-19 information. He conceptualized, organized, and moderated four COVID-19 symposia for the public. Through meticulous research, he brought together physicians, former patients, and public health experts to provide the most up-to-date information early in the pandemic, including highlighting equity gaps in treatment. These events attracted more than 6,000 viewers from 35 countries. Professor Leal dedicated much of his sabbatical time to developing valuable public resources, thus providing high-quality information during a time of rampant misinformation. He also champions global learning, putting long-term efforts into global collaborations to enhance education.
Recommendations for the 2022 Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Awards

The Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee recommends six individuals for the 2022 Distinguished Teaching Awards in respective categories.

Distinguished Teaching Award – Undergraduate Teaching

Professor Johan Leveau, Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Professor Johan Leveau has made extraordinary contributions to undergraduate teaching. He teaches several popular and influential courses, ranging from large lectures to small seminars. He is the sole instructor for the research practicum for the Global Disease Biology major, where he guides approximately 80 students in developing their own research projects. Professor Leveau also partners with Global Disease Biology majors to prioritize and amplify the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in his teaching, and spends his summers teaching high school students about microbiology as a part of the COSMOS program.

Professor Sebastian Schreiber, Department of Evolution and Ecology, College of Biological Sciences

Professor Sebastian Schreiber is recognized for his excellence in teaching biology with an emphasis on mathematical models. He has a rare talent for making quantitative concepts and tools accessible to everyone by teaching them not only with great clarity, but also with sensitivity and compassion. He successfully does so in classes of all sizes, from Introductory Biology, with nearly 1000 students per quarter, to the intensive course he developed for the Quantitative Biology major, with ten students per quarter. As one student said, “Professor Schreiber’s lectures helped me to connect the lines between natural phenomena and mathematics.”

Professor Diane Ullman, Department of Entomology and Nematology, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Professor Diane Ullman has provided superb teaching and mentoring for many years, not only in the Department of Entomology and Nematology but as a leader in the Science and Society program. She has brought art-science fusion alive in innovative ways. Her nominees and students rave about her deep dedication, care, and knowledge in all teaching interactions, as well as her overall commitment to student success. One student nominee summed it up best: "My experience in her course last spring was one that lifted my spirits, enriched my education, and strengthened my love for art and science during a time when it was difficult to feel positive about anything.”
Distinguished Teaching Award – Graduate and Professional Teaching

Professor Xinbin Chen, Department of Surgical and Radiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine

Professor Xinbin Chen has demonstrated excellence in mentoring and supporting individuals at all stages of education and learning—undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and even fellow peers. He points them toward opportunities and removes potential barriers. Moreover, his devotion to successful education and training has pushed professional programs to greater heights with additional funding support. His extensive leadership has ensured all scientists receive the highest quality training. Professor Chen will have lasting impact within his field for many years to come.

Professor Joanna Chiu, Department of Entomology and Nematology, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Professor Joana Chiu is known for her ability to help students visualize and internalize abstract interactions that are invisible to the naked eye. Students and colleagues praise her desire to demystify pathways to success in science. She’s admired for her compassion and dedication to students at all levels, whether they are visiting high school students, undergraduates, or graduate students. Her graduate students have landed jobs in academia, industry, and medicine, and they seek her counsel well into their professional lives. Professor Chiu has also created training programs and financial awards to increase diversity and inclusivity in her field.

Distinguished Professor Richard Scalettar, Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Letters and Science

Distinguished Professor Richard Scalettar is recognized for his dedication to the academic and professional development of his students. He not only displays an immense attention to detail in his lectures and notes, but also serves as a mentor, research advisor, and support system for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students alike. He engages his students in both entry-level and advanced-level physics courses, encouraging attendance through social events and study groups. Professor Scalettar continuously puts his students first and inspires them to reach their full potential.
The Faculty Distinguished Research Award Committee recommends Distinguished Professor Pam Ronald in the Department of Plant Pathology as the recipient of the 2022 Faculty Distinguished Research Award.

Through her work in infectious disease biology and environmental stress tolerance in plants, Professor Ronald’s discoveries have informed our understanding of plant immune systems and have positively affected the lives and livelihoods of millions worldwide. Her work is highly recognized, having earned several national and international honors. Notably, her studies on rice—particularly on strains resistant to flooding—have helped to identify and develop more robust, tolerant varieties given our changing global climate. Her studies have also explored the nature of disease resistance in specific strains to counter diseases that had previously devastated production. Moreover, Professor Ronald’s efforts to educate the public, particularly on the role of biotechnology in agriculture and to address concerns about genetically modified crops, are commendable.