

Executive Board

Proposal for the Creation of the Distinguished Academic
Senate Service Award at the Los Angeles Division of
the UC Academic Senate

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June 18, 2024

To: Kathy Bawn
Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Andrea Kasko
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Re: **Distinguished Senate Service Award and Rising Star Award Proposals**

At the June 6, 2024, meeting of the Executive Board, members reviewed the attached proposals for a Distinguished Senate Service Award and Rising Star Awards.

Members voted unanimously in favor of a motion to approve the full proposals. (One student representative voted in favor of the motion.)

The UCLA Academic Senate will award the Distinguished Academic Senate Service Award to a tenured UCLA Senate faculty member who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the Academic Senate, defined as service which leads to the betterment of the academic mission of research and teaching, reflects a deep commitment to both the principles and the practices of shared governance, and has had a lasting and significant impact. This pilot program will begin in the 2024-25 academic year with review by the Executive Board in fall 2027 after three award cycles.

The Senate will award Rising Star Awards to UCLA Senate faculty members, in the early stage of their Senate service, who have demonstrated noteworthy contributions to the Academic Senate including activities such as consistent and meaningful participation in committee or council meetings or projects; effective chairship of a subcommittee, special committee or task force; championing shared governance; or demonstrating Senate leadership potential. This pilot program will begin in the 2024-25 academic year with review by the Executive Board in fall 2026 after two award cycles.

Encl.

Cc: Jessica Cattelino, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
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Proposal for the Creation of the Distinguished Academic Senate Service Award at the Los Angeles Division of the UC Academic Senate

Academic Senate Chair Andrea Kasko, Vice Chair/Chair Elect Kathy Bawn, Immediate Past Chair Jessica Cattelino, and Executive Director April de Stefano propose to the Executive Board the creation of a Distinguished Academic Senate Service Award as a three-year pilot. The goal of this award is to celebrate meaningful and consequential Senate service that strengthens shared governance.

Proposal

The Los Angeles Division of the University of California Academic Senate would offer the Distinguished Academic Senate Service Award to a tenured UCLA Senate faculty member who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the Academic Senate. An outstanding contribution is not defined simply by having served on a large number of Senate committees, although such service may be one factor. Rather, it is defined as service which leads to the betterment of the academic mission of research and teaching, reflects a deep commitment to both the principles and the practices of shared governance, and has had a lasting and significant impact.

The Senate staff, Senate Leadership, and the Committee on Committees will nominate eligible candidates along with an open call for nominations by Senate faculty members. A selection committee comprising the Immediate Past Chair, Executive Director, and Committee on Committees Chair will select an annual award recipient. This award, which bestows \$2000 in research funds to the recipient, would be presented at the final Legislative Assembly meeting of the academic year in recognition of service to the UCLA academic community.

The nomination process would require (i) a nomination letter of not more than two pages and (ii) a current CV. Two additional letters (also limited to two pages each) are highly encouraged.

This pilot program would begin in the 2024-25 academic year with review by the Executive Board in fall 2027 after three award cycles.

History

The UCLA Academic Senate offered an Academic Senate Service Award during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years; it was discontinued due to a lack of applicants. The criteria for the award were:

- A history of active involvement in Academic Senate committees, especially in a leadership role
- Sustained involvement or leadership on department or other non-Senate university committees
- Leading initiatives or task forces at the departmental or university level, especially at pivotal times in a department's or the university's history
- Sustained leadership in one's profession such as serving in an elected office of a scholarly society or being editor of a major journal in one's discipline
- Service to the larger community, state, or nation in advancing the university's mission
- Sustained ad hoc uncompensated volunteerism

Other Divisions

Berkeley

The [Berkeley Faculty Service Award](#) (BFSA) honors a member of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate for their outstanding and dedicated service to the campus, and whose activities as a faculty member have significantly enhanced the quality of the campus as an educational institution and community of scholars. This award recognizes Senate service, which is essential to the ideal of shared governance, and contributions that have had a lasting and significant impact on the excellence of the Berkeley campus.

Irvine

The recipients of the [Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award](#) must be members of the Academic Senate at the rank of Professor Step VI or above when nominated, who are respected scholars, and who, at some point in their careers, have made outstanding contributions of service to the University of California, and/or public service. An outstanding contribution is not defined simply as having served on a large number of Senate committees, although such may be one of the factors. It is defined as service which leads to the betterment of the academic and/or personal lives of large segments of the University community. (\$5000 award)

Merced

The [Spiess Award](#) was created to recognize a member of the Senate faculty who has performed outstanding service to the Academic Senate (campus and/or systemwide) and whose contributions have had a major impact on faculty governance. Its broader goal is to honor all members of the faculty (including Emeriti/ae Senate members) who have contributed their time and talent to the Senate.

Riverside

The [Oliver Johnson Award for Distinguished Leadership in the Academic Senate](#) is given out once every two years to a member of the UC faculty. The award is designed to honor a University of California faculty member who has demonstrated at the Divisional and the Systemwide Academic Senate level outstanding and creative contributions as evidenced by major impact on faculty governance, sustained excellence in serving the Academic Senate, and exceptional abilities in working with different university constituents effectively. Funded through a gift from the late Oliver Johnson, professor at UC Riverside, the award carries a small honorarium for the faculty member who receives it.

San Diego

The [Academic Senate Donald F. Tuzin Distinguished Service Award](#) recognizes colleagues who have shown exceptional leadership by serving the university in a manner that reflects a deep commitment to shared governance, and to the excellence of the University of California. This award is presented to faculty who have engaged in exemplary service with a significant public impact beyond the UC San Diego campus. The service contributions of the recipients of this award have contributed to the success and academic excellence of the UC San Diego campus and the broader community.

San Francisco

The [UCSF Academic Senate Distinguished Service Award](#) is given out to one member of the UCSF Senate faculty at the Associate or Full Professor level who has demonstrated outstanding and creative services with a lasting and significant impact on the excellence of shared governance at UCSF, exceptional abilities in collaborating with the university's many diverse stakeholders, and a sustained excellence and promise in serving the UCSF Academic Senate. This award carries a small honorarium of \$1,500 from the UCSF Academic Senate's Chancellors Fund and is presented at the last Division meeting of the academic year as recognition of service to the UCSF academic community.

Davis

The [Charles P. Nash Prize](#), funded by the campus community and the Nash family and friends, is awarded by the Davis Division of the Academic Senate, the UC Davis Academic Federation, the Davis Faculty Association and the

Nash Family to acknowledge achievement in and commitment to promoting shared governance in keeping with Charlie Nash's exceptional efforts in promoting and advocating for faculty interests and welfare. The prize is awarded to an individual who clearly represents advocacy, achievement and dedication within a body of service that exemplifies Charlie's legacy.

Santa Barbara: None

Santa Cruz: None