

Executive Board

Proposal for the Creation of the Academic Senate Service
Rising Star Awards 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
April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate
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Proposal for the Creation of the Academic Senate Service Rising Star Awards 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 two-year pilot program to offer the Academic Senate Service Rising Star Awards (“Rising Star Award”).

The Los Angeles Division of the University of California Academic Senate would offer the Rising Star Award to a UCLA Senate faculty member who is in the early stage of their Senate service and has demonstrated a noteworthy contribution to the Academic Senate. A noteworthy contribution may include 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. Preference will be given to Senate members who have not yet chaired a standing committee or council.

The Senate staff and committee/council chairs will identify possible recipients to the Executive Director and Senate Chair, who will select annual award recipients during the summer after the academic year of service. Recipients will receive \$750 in research funds and acknowledgement at the first Legislative Assembly meeting of the subsequent academic year. The number of recipients, if any, will vary based on the nominee pool during an academic year.

Any current Senate staff member who is past probation and whose latest performance evaluation met expectations may submit a completed nomination form that summarizes the reasons why the nominee is a “rising star” at the Academic Senate and deserving of recognition.

No other division has an award to encourage and reward early service to the Academic Senate. One of the goals of this proposal is to identify diverse and engaged faculty who have the potential for future leadership within the Academic Senate.

This pilot program would begin in the 2024-25 academic year with review by the Executive Board in fall 2026 after two award cycles.