

UCRIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | **Academic Senate**
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

June 1, 2018

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From:  Kambiz Vafai
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: 17-18. Campus Review. Proposed changes to the charge of the committee on Distinguished Campus Service

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed changes to the charge of the committee on Distinguished Campus Service.

Although these changes may not violate the letter of the code of the Academic Senate, the committee believes they do violate the spirit of the code, which is meant to regulate faculty governance and protect the voice of the faculty: <http://senate.ucr.edu/about/>. The Committee has the following comments/suggestions:

The committee notes that the current language already contains the possibility of recognizing faculty who are in “temporary administrative posts” and thus finds the proposed changes an unnecessary and potentially frivolous use of the bylaw/regulation change process. The call currently reads: “Nominees for the award must be members of the Academic Senate and have been on campus long enough to have demonstrated sustained dedication to the Academic Senate, to one or more of the Colleges, and/or in temporary administrative posts at UCR.”

The committee also notes a conflict of interest in that administrators are appointed by the Administration and not elected by the Academic Senate.

The committee would like to ask that the Committee on Faculty Welfare review and comment on these proposed changes.

**COMMITTEE ON DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
April 23, 2018**

To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Charge of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service

Present:

8.27 Distinguished Campus Service

8.27.1 This committee consist of five members of the Division and will be composed of previous recipients of the ~~award~~ selected by the Academic Senate Committee on Committees with due diligence to maintaining diversity of membership. Each year, the newly selected recipients of the award become eligible to serve on the committee. For the first five years of the committee's existence, the membership can include non-recipients of the award

8.27.2 This committee nominates annually for election by the Division at its spring meeting, one of more members of the ladder rank faculty at UCR to receive ~~this~~ award, which is designed to recognize exceptional effort and achievement in service to the UCR Campus (Am 30 Nov 2010)

None

Proposed:

8.20 Distinguished Campus Service

8.20.1 This committee consist of five members of the Division and will be composed of previous recipients of the Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Service Award selected by the Academic Senate Committee on Committees with due diligence to maintaining diversity of membership. Each year, the newly selected recipients of the award become eligible to serve on the committee. For the first five years of the committee's existence, the membership can include non-recipients of the award

8.27.2 This committee nominates annually for election by the Division at its spring meeting, one of more members of the ladder rank faculty at UCR to receive the "Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Service Award", which is designed to recognize exceptional effort and achievement in service to the UCR Campus (Am 30 Nov 2010)

8.27.3 This committee can nominate once every four years for election by the Division at its spring meeting, one or more members of the full-time ladder-rank faculty to receive the "Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Faculty-Administrator Award," which is designed to recognize an outstanding current or recent full-time faculty-administrator (as defined by the APM) and deans, who in that role has made sustained significant contributions to their unit and the campus; it should only be given once every four years, with the knowledge that it may not be given in some four-year cycles.

Statement of Purpose and Effect:

The proposed changes to the By-laws of the Academic Senate Committee on Distinguished Campus Service will be necessary to bring the process of awarding the proposed “Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Faculty-Administrator Award”, if approved, under the purview of the Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Service Award Committee, which would draft the call for nominations, to send out every four years along with the other calls for Academic Senate awards, starting in the 2018-19 academic year, and make the award by unanimous vote.

Effective: upon approval

Approved by the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service:4/23/2018

Received by Executive Council: _____

April 23, 2018

TO: Academic Senate Executive Council

FROM: Committee on Distinguished Campus Service
Michael Allen
Mary Gauvain
Carol Lovatt, Chair
Umar Mohideen
Linda Walling
Jose Wudka

RE: Proposal to establish the “Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Faculty-Administrator Award”

This award is reserved for a full-time ladder-rank faculty member in a current or recent administrative position (e.g., vice-provost, associate vice-provost, associate vice-chancellor, dean, associate dean or college provost, institute or center director, department chair) whose performance far exceeds the normal expectations for both successful leadership in the position and positive impact on the campus. Evidence of sustained exceptional excellence in these two areas is required to receive this award. To ensure that this award is reserved for only truly outstanding faculty-administrators who have made sustained significant contributions to their unit and the campus, it should only be given once every four years, with the knowledge that it may not be given in some four-year cycles.

Justification: The Academic Senate Committee on Distinguished Campus Service frequently receives nominations emphasizing the outstanding performance and contributions of a full-time ladder-rank faculty member in his/her administrative position. Since the individual is simply fulfilling the responsibilities of their position, even if over and beyond the norm, these nominations are not held in as high regard as service activities from which no professional or monetary benefit is derived. However, the outstanding accomplishments of some nominees in higher administrative positions are compelling and deserving of recognition.

Administration: The “Academic Senate Distinguished Campus Faculty-Administrator Award” would fall under the purview of the Academic Senate Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, which would draft the call for nominations, to send out every four years along with the other calls for Academic Senate awards, starting in the 2018-19 academic year, and make the award by unanimous vote.