College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics Outstanding Faculty Awards Policy

The Outstanding Faculty Awards is a program to give public recognition to NSM faculty members for outstanding accomplishments in one of the following areas: Scholarly and Creative Activity, Teaching, University Service, or Community Service.

Each spring semester, four faculty members of the College of NSM will each receive an award in recognition for their accomplishments in one of the four areas noted above. Recognition will include:

- 1. A plaque for the recipient.
- 2. Placement of the name of the recipient of the award on a plaque that will be on display in a central location of the College and accessible to the public.
- 3. Recognition of the recipient at an annual Outstanding Faculty Awards reception. A presentation by the award recipient will be given on some aspect of their work.

Eligibility:

All faculty employed at Sacramento State for at least the past three years are eligible for the Outstanding Teaching, Scholarly and Creative Activity, University Service, and Community Service awards. A Temporary Faculty is eligible as long as they have met the criteria for being employed in both Fall and Spring semesters at Sacramento State for at least the past three years. A person cannot receive the same award in two consecutive years.

Nomination:

Any member of the University community may nominate an eligible faculty member for the award. The nomination should be sent to the NSM Dean's office. The nominee will then be contacted, and if they accept the nomination then a nomination letter will be solicited from the nominator. This letter of nomination must be sent to the Dean of NSM. Upon receipt of a letter of nomination, the Dean or appropriate administrator shall forward a copy of the nomination letter to the nominee, along with a copy of this policy statement and the University Outstanding Faculty Awards Policy (https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/senate/_internal/_documents/lectures-awards-scholarships/ofa/ofa-policy-ap4-18-13.pdf).

If a nominee does not receive the award, their nomination is rolled forward to the next nomination cycle for two years beyond the original nomination.

Selection:

The selection of the faculty who is to be recognized will be made by the Scholarships and Awards Committee. The recommendation of the Scholarships and Awards Committee will be based on the criteria outlined in Article V Part C of the University Outstanding Faculty Awards Policy provided by the Faculty Senate (https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/senate/_internal/_documents/lectures-awards-scholarships/ofa/ofa-policy-ap4-18-13.pdf).

The quality of the evidence, not the quantity, shall be used by the committee in reaching a decision.

Supporting Material:

Review of the nominee will be based on the nomination letter as well as the supporting materials listed below. The nominee is responsible for providing the following:

- A curriculum vitae
- An overview statement summarizing the impact their contributions have had in the nominated area.
- Supporting materials as evidence of outstanding performance in the nominated area.

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Excluding the nomination letter, the supporting materials should not exceed 25 pages. Nominees are advised to provide paper citations and abstracts instead of full texts. Nominees are encouraged to provide letters of support.

Submission of Materials:

Nominators and nominees are encouraged to submit their materials to the Dean's Office in electronic form, although hard copies are also acceptable.

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