2004-2005 Annual Report
Committee on Faculty Awards

In fulfilling its charge as established in the by-laws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Faculty Awards (FAC) carried out the following activities.

Building on its efforts last year, the committee continued to reach out to individual departments and schools, soliciting the help of deans, directors, and chairs to strengthen the network of liaisons - generally a distinguished senior or emeritus professor - to work with the committee. When the FAC receives announcements soliciting nominations for awards and honors, the committee contacts these departmental representatives for recommendations and assistance in identifying potential nominees.

Through its outreach activities, the committee has also received feedback from department chairs that they would appreciate FAC assistance in developing a more organized faculty prizes and awards process. The level of activity among departments in seeking awards for their colleagues ranges from, in a few cases, highly organized to, in most cases, little or nothing. The committee has limited resources to contribute to forming a more structured system, but it began to lay the groundwork by inviting the Vice Chancellor-University Relations to a meeting this year. The FAC and the VC-UR agreed that a collaborative effort will increase public recognition of individual faculty research and creative achievements, enhance Berkeley's reputation, and ultimately benefit the campus by increasing donor participation. The committee will continue to develop its relationship with the VC-UR in the coming year, and to assist and motivate departments to the extent possible, to nominate their colleagues for prestigious awards.

Reviewing its charge, the committee proposed revisions to its by law to reflect its current duties and responsibilities. The Division at its spring 2005 meeting approved the changes.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

The 2005-06 Clark Kerr award will be presented to UC President Emeritus Jack W. Peltason.

Columbia University President Lee Bollinger received the 2004-05 Clark Kerr Award at a dinner ceremony held in the spring.

The committee chose Professor Calvin C. Moore (Math) as the first nominee for the Berkeley Faculty Service Award, approved by the Senate last year.

The committee submitted Professor Bruce Ames (MCB) nomination for the Heinz Award.

Professor Rosemary Gillespie (ESPM) was selected as the campus candidate for the NSF Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Math and Engineering Mentorship.