Committee on Faculty Awards
Annual Report for 2016-17

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 in 2016-17.

2017-18 Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship
The Dickson Emeriti Professorship recognizes emeriti having outstanding records of post-retirement teaching, research, or public service. FAC’s two nominations were approved for 2017-18: Mary Ann Mason (Social Welfare) and Kenneth Polse (Optometry). (10/31/16, 2/15/17, 3/13/17)

2016-17 Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award
The Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award is a systemwide award that each year honors an emerita/us in the humanities or social sciences who has performed outstanding scholarly work or educational service since retirement. The Berkeley Division’s nomination for 2016-17, Professor Emeritus Neil Smelser (Sociology), was named as the 38th UC Emeriti Professor in April 2017. (10/31/16, 2/15/17)

2017 Clark Kerr Award
The Clark Kerr Award for Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education recognizes an individual who has made an extraordinary and distinguished contribution to the advancement of higher education. The committee’s nomination of Professor Mary Sue Coleman, president of the Association of American Universities, was approved by the Divisional Council on December 5, 2016. (9/12/16, 10/31/16, 2/15/17, 3/13/17)

2016 Berkeley Faculty Service Award
A private award ceremony and reception was held on November 7, 2016.

2017 Berkeley Faculty Service Award
The committee’s recommendations to Divisional Council for the 2017 Berkeley Faculty Service Award were approved on March 20, 2017. Professor David Lieberman (Law) and Professor Trond Petersen (Sociology) received the award at a private reception on May 9, 2017. (10/31/16, 3/13/17)
EXTERNAL AWARDS
Throughout the year, the Committee chair sends notices to Senate members about various awards and honors to encourage departments to nominate colleagues.

The committee believes that faculty service is a crucial component of shared governance, and that outstanding service by the faculty should be recognized. Nominations are highly encouraged.

COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT
- Approval of the FAC annual report for 2015-16. (9/12/16)
- Approval of a conflict of interest policy for FAC. (9/12/16)
- Approved authorization of the FAC chair to act on behalf of FAC during winter recess. (10/31/16)
- Reported at the spring Division meeting. (5/3/17)
- Approved authorization of the FAC chair to act on behalf of FAC over the summer break until the committee reconvened in Fall 2016. (3/13/17)

Award histories are posted on the Division’s webpage at: http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/awards

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