

**Outstanding Professor Awards** Adopted by the Statewide Academic Senate Spring 96.

The Outstanding Professor Award is conferred to faculty that are expected to have a record of superlative teaching at their campus. No amount of professional achievement as evidenced by research and creative scholarship or service to the campus or community shall be a substitute for this paramount requirement. The nominee's professional accomplishments shall be evaluated to ascertain their quality and the contributions these activities have made to the nominee's teaching. The nominee's services to the campus and the larger community shall be evaluated to ascertain their relevance to the nominee's teaching, as well as their overall significance. A campus-wide committee, a majority of whom shall be full-time tenure-track faculty, and which shall also include student representation, shall review the applications and forward their recommendations to the President or designee. For compelling reasons, a campus president may reject candidates recommended by the campus committee, but may not select a faculty member for the award who has not been recommended by the committee. A faculty member who has been recommended by the campus committee and approved by the campus president shall be accorded recognition by the President as an Outstanding Professor on the campus. There shall be as many CSU Outstanding Professors as the number of campuses participating. In adopting this approach, the Statewide Academic Senate acknowledged the importance of recognizing the Outstanding Professor from each campus and of refocusing the criteria on the original intent to honor outstanding teaching.

\*On October 31, 2001, the FAC ruled that only active full-time teaching faculty members are eligible to be nominated for Outstanding Professor, Outstanding RSCA Professor, or any other meritorious award. This includes faculty members on sabbatical leave, difference in pay leave, professional leaves of absence without pay and sick leave. This does not include faculty that have retired and retired/FERP faculty. The FAC believes that retired and retired/FERP are recognized for their meritorious service by receiving Emeritus Status.

Further information concerning the Outstanding Professor Award may be obtained from the Office of the Academic Senate.