The Committee is pleased to nominate Professor Eric Barr of the Department of Theatre as a recipient of the DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE AWARD for the academic year 2008-2009.

Professor Barr has a long history of extraordinary service and dedication to his department and the UCR campus at large. His service to UCR spans approximately three decades and is distinguished by a series of exceptional achievements. He has served as chair of the Department of Theatre for 29 years, increasing the size of the faculty by 300%. Dr. Barr was also instrumental in establishing two interdisciplinary graduate programs in cooperation with Professor Susan Straight. The first was a Writing for the Performing Arts degree program, which was the first of its kind in the UC System. The second was the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing at the Palm Desert campus. Collectively, these programs now have over 35 graduate students enrolled.

In addition he has accumulated an impressive history of important committee assignments and contributions to the UCR community. These include the directorship of the UCR Arts-Bridge Program as well as directing numerous theater productions.

The letters of nomination for Professor Barr all stressed his unwavering commitment to the faculty and students in the Theatre Department, his boundless energy and unflagging determination to build this program even in sometimes difficult circumstances, and the high level of trust he has engendered in his colleagues. All of his nominators make clear that Professor Barr’s dedication and service to UCR have been truly extraordinary.

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