The Distinguished Campus Service Committee met on April 2, 2013 and reviewed a small but strong group of nominations. During the discussions leading to choosing a winner, the committee decided that the strength of two candidates for the award was outstanding and we decided to recommend two winners.

The committee unanimously selected two nominees to recommend to the full Senate for the 2012-2013 Award to be ratified and finalized at the May 28 Senate Division Meeting:

Ameae Walker (Biomedical Sciences) and Eugene Nothnagel (Botany & Plant Sciences). We recommend they be named as this year’s awardees and that they split the $1,000.00 cash prize ($500.00 each).

The Committee is pleased to nominate Professor Ameae Walker of the Department of Biomedical Sciences as a recipient of the Distinguished Campus Service Award for the academic year 2012-2013. Professor Walker has been a member of the Division of Biomedical Sciences since 1979 and has participated in or chaired a large number of Division, campus and university committees during this period. She has served as chair of the Division of Biomedical Science Faculty (2005-08), Chair of the Division’s Executive Committee (2007-10) and chair of the School of Medicine Executive Committee (2012-present). For the campus, Professor Walker was on a variety of Academic Senate Committees (e.g., Charges Committee, which she chaired 1989-1992, and Distinguished Teaching Committee (1999-2002). She has served on the Academy of Distinguished Teachers (2006-2011). Professor Walker is often asked to serve on major campus search committees (e.g. Vice provost of Academic Personnel. Of significance is her recent Vice Chair of the Academic Senate (2010-11). A consuming service was the Committee on Academic Personnel, first as a member 2002-2004, then as Chair 2004-05. She then served as a member and later chair of Shadow CAP 2006-2009. Professor Walker has served several times as Chair of her Department and does a remarkable job in this role. She has served students on the campus exceptionally well, for she mentors and assists medical students, Ph.D. graduate students, and undergraduates on campus. Her door is always open professionally and personally to students. She has served the staff on campus well, and treats staff with respect and in a friendly manner. Lastly, Professor Walker serves the UCR School of Medicine in several ways including recruitment of new ladder faculty, and Chairman of Faculty Executive Committee.

The Committee wishes to nominate Professor Eugene Nothnagel of the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences as a recipient of the Distinguished Campus Service Award for the academic year 2012-2013. Professor Nothnagel joined the UCR Faculty in 1983. Since 2001, he has provided excellent service and leadership to UCR in a variety of venues. He has been a member and often Chair of many Academic Senate, Campus Search, Departmental and other campus committees. For the Academic Senate he was member and Chair of the Committee on Courses, Committee on Educational Policy, and Committee on Distinguished Teaching. He has served on
Search committees for Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Dean of the Graduate School of Education, and Committee for the Chancellor Chair for Innovation in Teaching Across Disciplines. He served as Chair of the Department of Botany & Plant Sciences from 2001-2003. He was a member and chair of the Departmental Academic Planning Committee, a member of the Undergraduate Educational Advisory Committee, a member and chair of the Written Qualifying Examination Committee, GRU in Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology. Other campus committees include: an Inaugural member UCR Academy of Distinguished Teachers; CNAS Advisory Committee on Advising and Mentoring; Steering Committee for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Reaccreditation process for UCR; AES/CE Research Support Allocation Process Proposal Review Committee, and the subcommittee on Excellence in Undergraduate Education – UCR 2020 Strategic Plan.

Dr. Nothnagel is a regular contributor to Science Fair judging, a speaker at Discover Day, committees on student advising, Learning outcomes, WASC reaccreditation, and the Campus Appeals Panel.

The Committee recommends that next year the Call be revised so that some points are made clearer. The Committee wishes to request that information that is submitted regarding nominees stress the part of the nominees file that is directly relevant to campus service. The letter that is sent to the Department Chairs requesting dossiers should be revised so that departments know what information should and should not be included in the dossier. For example, we should not see a copy of the nominees whole merit file.

Submitted by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

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