

COMMITTEE ON DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE

NOMINATION FOR THE 2017-2018 DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE AWARD

Professor Kenneth Barish

The Committee is pleased to nominate Professor Kenneth Barish from the Department of Physics and Astronomy as the recipient of the Campus Distinguished Service Award for the Academic year 2017-2018. Professor Barish's distinguished Senate service includes membership in the Committee on Planning and Budget (2012-13), a committee he then chaired (2013-16). Under his leadership, this Committee produced an insightful analysis of the budgetary situation of the campus, identifying all major difficulties the administration's growth plan was to face. These activities provide an important example of the Senate meeting its advisory obligations under shared governance. Prof. Barish then served as Vice-Chair of the University Systemwide Committee on Planning and Budget (2016), a post he resigned to serve as Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy (2016-present). Under his leadership, the Department's graduate program has grown to be one of the largest (more than 100 students) and most selective (10% acceptance rate) on campus. He presided over a major growth period of the Department, now counting 42 faculty members, and the reorganization of the Department committee structure, aimed at supporting the Department's students and faculty. Among other Senate service, Prof. Barish was a member of the of the Academic Council Special Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources, (2014-16); he served as UC faculty representative at the Community College Curriculum Institute, which proposed the pilot program for Physics and Chemistry majors (2017). In parallel with these activities, Prof. Barish maintains an outstanding research program and regularly teaches undergraduate courses with notable effectiveness. For his distinguished service to the Senate and the Campus, the Committee believes Prof. Barish is highly deserving of the Campus Distinguished Service Award.