Humboldt State University
Academic Senate

Resolution on Faculty Awards

#16-08/09-FA (Revised) – March 10, 2009

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the current description of the Faculty Awards Committee (a standing committee of the Senate) in Section 800 of the HSU Faculty Handbook be replaced with the attached document #1; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the criteria for each award indicated in Attachment #1 be those of attached document #2; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the HSU Faculty Handbook, Appendix F (Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate), Article XVI. Section 4 be replaced with the attached document #3; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that each of the faculty awards shall include a stipend of $1000 for Outstanding Professor and $500 for other awards, and an opportunity to present a lecture or performance open to the University and Community, thereby forming an awards lecture series free of charge to attendees. The Humboldt Medal will be conferred on all awardees.; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that these changes shall take effect in the 2009-2010 academic year.

RATIONALE: Some faculty are excellent teachers, while others are excellent scholars or leaders. We wish to honor those who excel in any of these three areas of retention, tenure, and promotion. We thus propose an award in each of the three areas, as well as an Outstanding Professor Award for those who have shown superlative performance in all areas. Currently there is little guidance as to the criteria for selecting awards, so we have drafted a guiding document. To further cooperation between the faculty and administration, both the previous outstanding professor and the President co-chair the new awards committee, with their nominations ratified by the full Senate.

PASSED Unanimously – March 10, 2009 – Academic Senate
Approved – March 13, 2009 – President Richmond