To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:
The Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2016-17 academic year.

I. COMMITTEE OPERATIONS
The Committee solicits candidates for each of the eight major Academic Senate Award categories and selects Academic Senate members for each category. Its duties and membership are described in Irvine Bylaw 127. Professor of Pharmacology and Developmental and Cell Biology Olivier Civelli, chaired the Committee in 2016-17. The Committee met twice during the academic year. Attending regular meetings were five appointed members, the Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, and the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning and Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE).

II. DIVISIONAL ISSUES

A. Distinguished Faculty Awards
The Committee reviewed 63 nominations for the Academic Senate’s Distinguished Faculty Awards for Research, Teaching, Service, and Mentorship and selected the recipients listed below to be honored during the 2017-18 academic year.

**Distinguished Faculty Award for Research**
Professor Barbara Finlayson-Pitts
Department of Chemistry

**Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Research**
Chancellor’s Professor Markus Ribbe
Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
Department of Chemistry

**Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Research**
Associate Professor Mohammad Al Faruque
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

**Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching**
Professor William Heidbrink
Department of Physics and Astronomy

**Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Teaching**
Assistant Professor Hosun Kang
School of Education

**Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award**
Professor Emeritus Hal Moore
Department of Chemistry

**Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service**
Professor Nina Bandelj
Department of Sociology
Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentorship
Lecturer SOE Jeanett Castellanos
School of Social Sciences

The recipients are to be honored at the Faculty Senate Awards Event scheduled to take place from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017 in the Newkirk Alumni Center.

B. Distinguished Faculty Awards Timeline
(Meeting dates: 11/18/16)
The Committee made modifications to the timeline of the Distinguished Faculty Awards nomination period, review period and announcement period to allow for more preparation time for the Faculty Senate Awards. While the timeline for the awards usually begins in January and ends in April, this year the timeline was moved to December, ending in March. The shift in timeline did not affect the amount of nominations, but did allow for increased time to conduct administrative duties in preparation for the Faculty Senate Awards.

C. Diversity in Nominees
(Meeting dates: 11/18/16)
The Committee continues to emphasize the need to ensure a fair nomination process and diverse candidate pool. Following the procedures implemented in prior years, the Committee included information referring to the UCI Advance Program for Equity and Diversity, and Equity Advisors to the call for nomination letters sent to Deans. The Committee will continue these efforts in the 2017-18 academic year.

D. Modification to the Online File Review for Distinguished Faculty Awards
(Meeting dates: 11/18/16)
The Committee made further changes to the online system used in the submission and review of nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Awards. The Committee requested the implementation of features that would improve the submission process for nominators such as clearer language and instructions to conform to user needs. Members also asked for changes in the format that nomination requirements are requested and viewed in the online review. These changes will be implemented for the future file review periods

III. COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY HONORS MEMBERSHIP
Senate Members (voting)
Olivier Civelli, Health Sciences, Chair
Imran Currim, Business
Barbara Dosher, Social Sciences
Catherine Fisk, Law
Natalia Komarova, Physical Sciences

Ex Officio (non-voting)
Michael Dennin, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning & Dean, DUE
Pramod Khargonekar, Vice Chancellor of Research

Guests
Natalie Schonfeld, Academic Senate, Executive Director

Senate Analyst
Christine Aguilar