

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS
(OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS)**

11 a.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Zoom

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Meeting ID: 439 347 8801

MINUTES

1. Attendees:

- Lisa Boutin-Vitela
- Sherryl Carter
- Pamela Sepulveda
- Donna Robinson
- Wendy Thomas
- Veronica Sanchez
- Rossi Petrova
- Claudia Quilizapa
- Michelle Kim
- Paula Pereira
- Mercedes Luna

2. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.

3. Approval of May minutes.

- Motion to approve by Sherryl Carter, second by Michelle Kim.
- Minutes approved.

4. Introduce and welcome committee members, and review terms previously listed on the website.

- Please inform Lisa if you would like your term reflected on the website. The website was updated with all committee members listed. All divisions now have representation with the addition of Mercedes Luna from KIN. Welcome Mercedes!

5. The committee's name change presentation to the Faculty Senate will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, for review and approval. Lisa will present regarding the name change to the Senate Committee on "Outstanding Faculty Awards." The presentation will also update the committee purpose, removing FSA, faculty ethics, and academic rank. Those areas are now managed through CCFF.

6. Tentative date for Outstanding Faculty Awards is **April 22, 2027. Wendy will ensure the Student Center is reserved and check in with Amber regarding the lunch. The committee discussed the possibility of faculty picking up a to-go lunch if they are teaching during that time.**

7. The committee reviewed a draft of the nomination form. Lisa will remove the proposed section about specific faculty awards/areas of recognition. The goal is to make the nomination form as student friendly as possible.

8. Review Timeline for Outstanding Faculty Awards 2026-27

1. November 30, 2026 – Deadline for nominations.
2. October 22 – Start date. Promotion ideas include Canvas, Posters, ASCC, social media, Publications, LCP leads). Lisa will bring a bullet-pointed statement of ethics to the next meeting.
3. Microsoft Forms and Teams. Microsoft team has been created for the upcoming awards cycle, including nomination form. Committee members will keep these possible award categories in mind but not explicitly include them on the nomination form.

- Outstanding Faculty Team/Teamwork
- Outstanding Faculty Legacy Award (Winners Circle)
- Outstanding Research.

9. Outstanding Faculty Panel in late October 2026 (coordinated with CTX/Professional Development). Lisa will work with CTX regarding a date and time. In addition, we will need to strategize in terms of ensuring there is an audience.

10. Items from the floor

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 11am.

12. Adjournment at 11:28pm.