MOTION

The Letters and Science Committee on Committees moves that the Faculty Senate discuss and act upon the motion regarding the process for awarding Distinguished Professor designations for the following reasons:

• The Distinguished Professor designation is too important not to be guided by a codified set of procedures approved by the Faculty,

• procedures should clarify whether or not nominations may be made by faculty members outside the individuals’ home department,

• as with other promotions, clear criteria for achieving the status should be identified,

• as with other promotions, the Dean’s decision to forward or not to forward a Distinguished Professor nomination should be informed by the input of the divisional committee or some other Faculty-recognized advisory group,

• there should be a process in place for informing a candidate and his/her department of reasons for a negative action, at any level, on the recommendation.