

Senate Concept for a UCSF Faculty Medal

Goal: To provide prestigious recognition to a current UCSF faculty member who has made a major and unique contribution to UCSF's national and global reputation (e.g., has put UCSF on the map in their respective field). Faculty achievements should be in any of UCSF's three major missions: education, health care, and research.

Historical Context: Traditionally, the UCSF Medal, initiated in 1975, replaced the granting of honorary degrees and is UCSF's most prestigious campus award. The recipients are honored at UCSF's annual Founders Day Gala Dinner in the fall. The recipient of the UCSF Medal must have attained preeminence in an area encompassed by any one of the health sciences missions of UCSF, but is not required to have an association with UCSF. The UCSF Medal therefore recognizes individuals who have made outstanding personal contributions in following areas:

- Attracting and educating the nation's most promising students for future careers in the health sciences and health care professions, with continuing emphasis on open access and diversity;
- Providing UCSF's patients the best in health care service, from primary care to the most advanced technologies available;
- Encouraging and supporting research and scholarly activities to improve our basic understanding of the mechanisms of disease and the social interactions related to human health; and
- Serving the community at large through educational and service programs that reflect the values and missions of UCSF.

Elected senate officials currently in office are not eligible for the UCSF Medal. Nominated faculty members must not hold any current administrative or policymaking position within the University. The proposed UCSF Faculty Medal is intended to supplement the traditional UCSF Medal, which does not recognize current faculty members.

Impact: Public recognition of high impact achievement(s), including in missions that may not lie on the typical paths towards academic recognition. Highlights these achievements to faculty peers and the entire campus community, including UCSF donors.

Mechanism: Senate nomination process through an open call for nominations:

- Faculty who created high impact clinical programs, educational innovations, and research advances that have led to the broad recognition of UCSF in academic and nonacademic communities.
- Nominations should reference specific examples of impact in specified areas.
- Eligibility review stage
- Coordinating Committee review, Committee on Committees review
 - Selection of winner
 - Selection of finalists
 - Final review joint Senate and Provost

Hypothetical examples:

- Academy of Medical Educators
- Contraception as part of primary care
- UCSF Neurosurgery as part of primary care
- Tobacco Papers
- Impact of sugar consumption