Purpose:

The Distinguished Service Award is an award to be given by the faculty of the University acting through its representative body, the Faculty Senate, for truly outstanding contribution or service to the faculty and the University. The contribution to be recognized would be far beyond that normally made by an individual in the normal performance of his or her job. The unusual nature of this contribution is such that it is to be expected that there will be many years when no such award will be given.

Criteria:

In most cases the recipient should be a member or a former member of the faculty who has made a major contribution to the faculty's welfare, to the faculty's ability to carry out its duties more effectively, to the general betterment of the University outside the teaching and research function, or has shown wise and courageous leadership in behalf of the faculty and University. This should be an award for service, not teaching or research, above and beyond that normally expected from an individual.