Purpose:
Dr. David Fee was a professor of Philosophy and Religion at South Dakota State University from 1964-1987. He was born in 1930 and grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After service in the U.S. Army (1948-1949), he achieved his BA in History from Muskingum College, a bachelor’s of divinity from Princeton Seminary and a PhD in Theology from Yale Divinity School. Dr. Fee was well known for living a “life of the mind”. According to good friend and colleague, Dr. Rod Bell, Professor of History, Dr. Fee loved to talk about ideas, was an insightful and humorous conversationalist and had a special talent for examining an idea from a variety of perspectives. He was a great advocate for cross disciplinary learning and inquiry, collegiality and the communication of ideas.

Nomination Criteria:
The Academic Affairs Committee is seeking nominations of SDSU faculty as a speaker for the memorial lecture to provide a talk of broad, interdisciplinary interest with a focus on learning, inquiry and/or engagement. The audience at the Celebration of Faculty Excellence event includes faculty, administrators and guests from a wide variety of disciplines and fields of study. Thus, the lecture needs to have broad appeal. This opportunity provides a venue in which the University community can honor one of our own faculty members who has made significant contributions through his/her teaching, scholarship and/or service role(s).

Nomination Process:
Nominations are due to the Office of Academic Affairs (Box 2201) no later than December 1. Include the following information in the nomination materials:

A nomination letter including:
- Name, title and contact information (phone and email) of the nominee;
- Department and College;
- Description of professional accomplishments (letter limited to two pages);
- Professional vitae; and
- Abstract of focus of lecture (limit to 1 page; time allotted for talk is 45 minutes with Q&A to follow; use of visuals is encouraged).

Nomination materials will be reviewed in the following order of importance: 1) abstract of focus of lecture, 2) vitae, and 3) nomination letter.

A $1000 award is presented at the Celebration of Faculty Excellence evening awards program.