NIU Chemistry & Biochemistry Distinguished Alumni Award
Summary of Discussion on September 25, 2009

We have determined that the goal of the Distinguished Alumni award is to build awareness and credibility for the Chemistry and Biochemistry department at NIU. Additionally, we want to leverage the nomination and election process to rebuild ties with alumni over time.

The following are the high level topics that need to be developed into action plans.

- We believe that we should have three categories of awards
  - Academic Research
  - Industry
  - Young alumni (less than 10 years from graduation)

- Several processes need to be developed
  - How are alumni nominated?
  - How does voting take place?
  - How do we select the awards each year?