January 17, 2014

Humanities Undergraduate Students
Humanities Graduate Students
Humanities Faculty

**Re: The Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award**

In 2002, the Division of Humanities initiated an award to honor Humanities faculty for their commitment to transformative teaching in the liberal arts and effective mentoring of students, both undergraduate and graduate. Faculty recipients of the award receive a grant and designate a student from a Humanities program to receive a scholarship that recognizes academic accomplishment.

The award bears the name of John Dizikes, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, whose powerful ability to inspire and engage students has been acclaimed by generations of alumni.

Both the faculty recipient and the student honoree are asked to contribute a statement about their experience as teacher/learners in the Humanities.

All current students, faculty, and alumni are invited to nominate faculty for consideration for the award. Nominations are made to the faculty member’s home department.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

Nominations should address the faculty member’s ability to arouse curiosity in students, to encourage high standards, and to stimulate students to original and rigorous work through guidance and mentoring. Other criteria include creating an inclusive learning environment that is open and encouraging to all students, relating the subject to other fields of knowledge and making the learning relevant to experience outside the academy.

**PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF AWARD WINNER**

1. Departments annually publicize the nomination call widely to their students and faculty.
2. Nominations will consist of an application form and a brief narrative (maximum one page) describing the teaching accomplishments of the nominee.
3. Nominations are submitted to the faculty member’s department. The department will review the nominations and forward an endorsement file to the Dean’s office. Endorsement include the original nominations together with a cover letter that contextualizes and summarizes the department nominee’s overall teaching record, supported by any supplementary materials deemed relevant by the Chair.
4. A Divisional committee of faculty representatives will review the nominations and forward two or three recommendations to Dean for final selection of the award winner.

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1 Both senate and non-senate faculty are eligible for the award.
5. The Dean will contact the winner and request that the awardee then select a student for the scholarship award.

TIMELINE

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 – Nominations due to the department chairs/managers.
Friday, April 11, 2014 – Departments forward their recommendations to the Dean’s Office.
Monday, April 21, 2014 – Faculty Teaching Award announced; scholarship winner selected.

Award and scholarship presentation date to be announced at a future date.

For more information, please send an email to Judy Plummer at jplummer@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Ladusaw
Dean of Humanities

Enclosure: Dizikes Faculty Teaching Award nomination form