Humanities Undergraduate Students
Humanities Graduate Students
Humanities Faculty

Re: The John Dizikes Teaching Award in Humanities

The Division of Humanities initiated a distinguished teaching award, beginning in 2002, to be awarded every Spring Quarter thereafter. This award honors Professor Emeritus of American Studies John Dizikes, and his powerful ability to inspire and engage generations of students.

The award will be for excellent teaching by a Humanities Division Lecturer, SOE Lecturer, or a ladder rank faculty member.

The award will be in the amount of $3,000 to be paid to the faculty member. In addition, the faculty member will select an undergraduate student with sophomore or junior standing (with preference given to an undergraduate student majoring in a Humanities field) to receive a $3,000 scholarship. The scholarship will be named for the faculty award recipient.

All current students and faculty (as defined above) are welcome to submit initial nominations to the faculty member’s home department. Each department is eligible to submit one nomination from among these for further consideration.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominators should address the candidate’s ability to arouse curiosity in students, to encourage high standards, and to stimulate students to original and rigorous work. Other criteria may include effectiveness in creating an academic environment that is open and encouraging to all students, ability to relate the subject to other fields of knowledge, and dedication to the guidance and mentoring of students.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF AWARD WINNER

1. Departments will publicize the nomination call widely to their students, although faculty may also nominate their peers (no self-nomination is allowed).
2. Individual nominations will consist of an application form and a brief narrative (maximum one page) describing the teaching accomplishments of the nominee.
3. Individual nominations will be submitted to the nominee’s department. Each department will decide on one candidate and prepare a nomination packet to submit to the Dean’s Office. In addition to forwarding the individual nomination(s) for their chosen faculty member, the department chair (or other appropriate officer) will also include a brief cover letter that contextualizes and summarizes the department nominee’s overall teaching record. The nomination packet may, at the Chair’s discretion, also include supplementary materials such as teaching evaluations and/or other testimonial letters from students or former students.
4. A Divisional committee made up of three faculty representatives will review the nominations and will rank the nominees for final selection.

5. The Dean of Humanities will select the award winner. The winner will then select an undergraduate sophomore or junior to award the faculty-named scholarship. Both awards will be presented at the division’s “Celebrating the Humanities: Spring Awards Event” in late spring quarter.

TIMELINE
April 1 – Nominations due to the department chairs/managers
April 22 – Departments forward their recommendations to the Dean’s Office
April 28 – Faculty Teaching Award announced; scholarship winner selected
May 11 – Award and scholarship presentations

For more information, please send an email to mamag@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Enclosures