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COMMITTEE ON TEACHING
March 16, 2010
Tuesday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Kerr Hall Rm 129

Present: M. Victoria Gonzalez-Pagani (Chair), Kate Edmunds, Dan Scripture, Hongyun Wang, Gordon Wells, Stephanie Casher (ASO)

Guests: Jessica Fiske-Bailey, Jim Phillips

Absent: Clare Max

Adjudication of Instructional Improvement Grants (IIGs)
The bulk of the meeting was spent adjudicating Instructional Improvement Grants (IIGs). COT received seven applications totaling $79,510, and awarded $70,000 worth of grant funds.

COT also decided that instead of granting course release to individual faculty members, it would grant the funds to the faculty member’s department, specifically earmarked to support the proposed initiative. It is then up to the individual departments to determine the best balance between faculty release time and the curricular needs of the department.

Excellence in Teaching Awards nominations
The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has received 24 nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Awards, and the committee discussed the best way to handle the downselect process (i.e. how to identify the top eight nominees from which to solicit additional information). It was decided that the nomination list would be sent to the Divisional Deans for additional feedback, and then the committee would request additional information from the highest-ranking nominees.

The committee also discussed ways to increase the nomination yield in the future. Some suggestions included creating a Facebook page to capture student nominations, and sending the call for nominations out through the Student Affairs portal.

Chair Gonzalez-Pagani will be on leave during Spring quarter, so Hongyun Wang will take over as Chair of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

So attests,

M. Victoria Gonzalez-Pagani, Chair
Committee on Teaching