

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING  
January 29, 2008  
Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., Kerr Hall Room 129**

Present: Doris Ash, Henry Burnett (Media Services Director), Elisabeth Cameron (Chair), Carley Friedman (GSA Representative), Ruth Harris-Barnett (CTE Director), Kevin Karplus, Cynthia Polecritti, Jie Qing.

Absent: Rachel Dewey (NSTF Rep).

**1. Chair's Announcements.** None.

**2. Director's Announcements.**

Director Harris-Barnett relayed to the COT that Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Bill Ladusaw will match funds for up to twenty people to attend the Systemwide Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference. She recommended use of a short application, with little more than a sign off by applicants and chairs.

**3. Minutes.** The minutes from January 15 were accepted.

**4. Mini-grants.**

One grant was approved in the amount of \$1300. It was noticed that department chairs are not including an explicit commitment to offer the new course for some Course Development Fellowship applications. Director Harris-Barnett was asked to contact chairs who had omitted this information and request a clarification.

**5. Teaching and Learning Symposium planning.**

Members were encouraged to advertise the Symposium by word of mouth. Seven people are signed up for the Symposium so far. COT members were reminded to sign up for the round table of their choice to aid in the advanced planning.

**6. Strategic Academic Plan Part A response.**

COT discussed the Strategic Academic Plan, Part A. There was a consensus that this segment, like the draft plan reviewed last year, had little concrete planning and no specific steps for attaining the outlined goals. Members noted the following problems: general tension between the parts and the whole; in terms of growth in number of graduate students, actually a slight drop in enrollments, as well as problem of lack of classes in certain departments; question as to whether this plan takes into consideration the ten-year planning process (e.g. Is there integration

of these various plans?) And is there a way of referencing within this document the planning work that departments and units have already done?

**6. Nominations for national Professor of the Year Award**

COT held a preliminary discussion today regarding nomination for the Professor of the Year Award. The nominee will be determined at one of the next two meetings. In advance of that meeting, COT members will review statements of previous award-winning teachers at UCSC, as possible nominees. The Committee was reminded that they may re-nominate someone.

**7. Schedule major grant adjudication meeting.**

The special meeting to adjudicate major grants was set for Tuesday, March 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with the possibility of extension. The location has yet to be determined.

So attests,

Elisabeth Cameron, Chair  
Committee on Teaching