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Department Chairs  
Program Directors  
Department Managers

**RE: \*\*NEW\*\* Distinguished Teaching Award**

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

The Academic Senate's Committee on Teaching (COT) is pleased to officially announce a **\*\*new award\*\*** to recognize outstanding teaching on our campus. Our other teaching award comes from student nominations primarily from specific courses, but **this one is an opportunity for us to acknowledge the pedagogical contributions of our colleagues** that includes and also goes beyond one particular course. Should someone in your department be recognized for exceeding teaching expectations? Have they contributed to a pedagogical culture that has made a difference in your department? If yes, then please take the time to nominate this instructor. **We will accept one nomination from each department. Only one instructor will receive the award.** This annual distinguished teaching award is open to all faculty, teaching professors and Unit 18 lecturers.

As department chairs, we ask that you please consult with your department on how you'd like to proceed internally. Please remember to include lecturers who may not be part of your regular faculty meetings. It's up to you whether to nominate someone as chair, or whether to consider multiple internal nominations within your department. But we ask that you forward only **1 nomination per department**. The nomination process involves the completion of a [short peer nomination form](#). Please email the completed form to COT analyst, Rebecca Hurdis, [rhurdis@ucsc.edu](mailto:rhurdis@ucsc.edu) by the **deadline of May 1st, 2020, 5 p.m.**

The recipient will receive a financial award and be invited to give a pedagogy talk in the following academic year.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate a peer colleague during this unprecedented time of transition. If you have any questions, please contact COT's analyst, Rebecca Hurdis at [rhurdis@ucsc.edu](mailto:rhurdis@ucsc.edu).

Sincerely,



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