October 20, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Dan O’Connor, Chair, Academic Senate

SUBJECT: Wang Family Excellence Award

The CSU Chancellor’s Office has announced the reinstatement of the Wang Family Excellence Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize and celebrate those CSU faculty members who, through extraordinary commitment and dedication, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements in their academic disciplines, while having a discernable effect on students. The value of the award is $20,000 each for four faculty members and one staff member system wide.

Each campus president annually may nominate for consideration by the Wang Award Committee one probationary or tenured faculty member from each of the following academic discipline groupings:

(a) Visual and Performing Arts and Letters;
(b) Natural Sciences, Mathematical and Computer Sciences and Engineering;
(c) Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Service; and
(d) Education, and Professional and Applied Sciences.

Faculty members nominated for the award must have participated successfully in a campus peer- academic administrative review process such as the reappointment, tenure, and promotion or faculty merit award of teaching, research or scholarship grant processes, and the like. These reviews must have occurred no earlier than the 2010-11 academic year. Those faculty who have not been reviewed will be referred to the campus awards committee for prescreening. Although a CSU president may elect not to nominate four faculty members, no more than one faculty member from each of the disciplines cited above may be nominated. Awardees will have an outstanding record in: Teaching, Scholarship and/or Service.

Nomination Process:
Each nomination should include the following: (self nominations are welcome)
1. A current resume or curriculum vitae.
2. Narrative: additional documentation is limited to five (5) single spaced, single-sided pages, where nominees may display examples of their individuality and excellence. Submissions for each faculty nominee should include feedback or evidence of impact on students; to this end, quotes from students would be appropriate.
3. Photo: please include a high quality, professionally-shot, full color photo, which may be arranged with your campus’s public affairs office. Specific requirements for the photo can be found on the website.

Criteria
- Awards will be made to those who have made truly remarkable contributions to the advancement of their respective universities and/or the CSU system.
- Nominees should have a demonstrated record of unusually meritorious achievements documented by evidence of superior accomplishments and contributions to the discipline or achievements in an assignment.
- The activities must advance the mission of the university, bring benefit and credit to the CSU, and contribute to the enhancement of the CSU’s excellence in teaching, learning, research, scholarly pursuits, student support and community contributions.

Please submit nominations to the Academic Senate office in care of Aracely Montes, aracely.montes@csulb.edu no later than Friday, November 7.