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**DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS
MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

RE: 2010-2011 Faculty Development Program Awards

I am pleased to announce that the Faculty Development Program will provide awards for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The purpose of these awards is to encourage scholarly achievement by faculty members whose heavy involvement in University and community service has significantly impeded or has the potential to impede their progress in research or other creative activity. One form of service overload is experienced by many under-represented faculty members who are sought out for extensive committee service and/or advising. Another form of service overload may result from service on committees that require unusually heavy commitments of time.

The application instructions and cover sheet are posted on the Vice Provost—Academic Personnel Web site at <http://academicpersonnel.ucdavis.edu/awards%20main%20REVISED.htm>.

While all faculty are eligible for awards, priority is given to assistant professors with worthy proposals and demonstrable need.

The program will offer one type of award. However, in our continued response to the budget challenges, recipients of the quarter-long awards will be relieved of teaching and service responsibilities for no more than one course for a period of one academic quarter (fall 2010 or winter or spring 2011). Recipients will also receive up to \$1,000 for supplies and expenses associated with their research.

The eligibility criteria, conditions of the awards, and application procedures are fully described at the Web site above. Please note that applications and supporting materials for all awards must be received by the dean of your college/school/division by **December 4th**. Deans' offices should transmit the applications and supporting material to the Office of the Provost by **January 8th**. Questions concerning the Faculty Development Program should be directed to Sarah Gray, Assistant Vice Provost—Academic Personnel (530-752-9984 or sdgray@ucdavis.edu).

Sincerely,



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