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TO ALL FACULTY

Dear Colleagues:

RE: Instructional Improvement Grant Program (IIG)

As you know, the Instructional Improvement Grant Program (IIG) is funded by my office and adjudicated by the Committee on Teaching (COT). The program is designed to improve student learning, integrate new approaches to teaching and learning into the curriculum, and have long-term impact. Proposals adjudicated by COT in one year are carried out the following year.

To better implement the goals of the program on a campus-wide level, I have decided to focus 2010-11 funds on supporting departments and faculty as they carry out two campus goals extremely important to undergraduate education: implementation of GE reform, and a new learning management system (Sakai).

My staff, in consultation with the COT, will issue revised procedures for a call to be announced later this year. At this time, I do not anticipate needing to reduce the total funding available for the IIG, but there will not be a mini-grant program this year.

Another change that has occurred in consultation with the COT is the renaming of the Center for Teaching Excellence. Henceforth, the unit will be called the Center for Teaching and Learning to more aptly describe the unit's focus. Our new website address is: <http://ctl.ucsc.edu/index.html>; Assistant Vice Provost Jessica Fiske Bailey is now the administrative manager of the Center. Feel free to contact her with ideas for partnerships, resources and questions (jfbailey@ucsc.edu; 459-4307).

Sincerely,



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