



Faculty Newsnotes

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Provost Office

Academic Strategic Priorities Fund Report

The Academic Strategic Priorities Fund Committee reviewed 22 proposals received by October 1 (the first of the four 2005-06 submission deadlines). Members of the committee are: Cynthia Connelly, Simon Croom, Jim Gump, Lonnie Rowell, and Chris Wonnell. The committee reported that they evaluated the overall merit of the proposals, how they contributed to our strategic goals, and how they facilitated our mission as a teaching and research institution. Moreover, the committee indicated that they were inclined to favor new or start up initiatives over projects that involved seemingly permanent commitments of ongoing annual funds. The committee also placed a lower priority on funding faculty release time, and those projects that might be more appropriately considered under the College's or a school's research grant or sabbatical programs.

The committee recommended, and I support, funding the following 10 projects totaling \$39,339 at this time:

1. \$5,000 to support the proposal by Lisa Baird and Michael Ichiyama to enhance Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) in sciences;
2. \$2,500 to support the proposal by Tammy Dwyer and Debbie Tahmassebi to fund undergraduate research assistance for project on structural characterization of nucleic acids;
3. \$5,189 to support the proposal by Jack Crumley for Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers;
4. \$5,000 to support the proposal by Anne Donnellan for digitizing and upgrading of materials on autism;
5. \$5,000 to support the proposal by Alberto Pulido on Ethnic Studies program for Alambrista initiative;
6. \$5,000 to support the proposal by Lonnie Rowell for California School Counseling Research Summit;
7. \$650 to support the proposal by Harriet Baber for participation in conference on Secularity and Globalization;
8. \$3,000 to support the proposal by Bradley Chase for student research assistants on proposal for cognitive performance and workload;
9. \$3,000 to support the proposal by Simon Croom for stipends for postdoctoral program at School of Business Administration;
10. \$5,000 to support the proposal by Carole Huston for Preceptor Pilot Program.

The remaining submission deadlines for 2005-06 are December 1, February 1, and April 1.

A description of the fund can be found at the following Web address:

<http://www.sandiego.edu/administration/academicaffairs/facultydev/funding.php>

The proposal submission form is available at:

<http://www.sandiego.edu/administration/academicaffairs/policies/>

I encourage you to request funding for new initiatives you are considering or undertaking that will enhance USD's academic excellence and reputation.

Academic Publications

Faculty Newsnotes Publication Dates and Deadlines

Listed below are the remaining dates of publication for 2005-2006 *Faculty Newsnotes*. Please direct all entries to Stacy Miller, Director of Academic Publications, Founders Hall 108, stacyc@sandiego.edu.

<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
December 5, 2005	December 12, 2005
January 23, 2006	January 30, 2006
February 20, 2006	February 27, 2006
March 20, 2006	March 27, 2006
April 17, 2006	April 24, 2006
May 8, 2006	May 15, 2006

Faculty and Curriculum Development Program

The mission of the Faculty and Curriculum Development Program (FCDP) is to enhance pedagogical and curricular transformation, primarily, although not exclusively, in the areas of diversity and inclusion, in accord with the mission statement of the University of San Diego. FCDP programs are open to all full- and part-time faculty, students, staff, and administrators. Please contact Evelyn Kirkley, ext. 4131, ekirkley@sandiego.edu, with questions and/or comments.

Women's Dinner: "Women and Stress at USD"

Facilitated by Those in Attendance

Thursday, December 1, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

UC 107

Stress seems to increase toward the end of the semester and winter holidays. Does it affect women differently from men? How do women respond to stress? How can they handle it more effectively, with laughter and confidence instead of succumbing to the usual addictions? At this dinner USD women and their guests will informally discuss their biggest life stressors and share best practices in dealing with them. Relaxing yoga stretches included.

"Communication Diversity: Essential Concepts and Practical Applications"

Monday and Tuesday, January 23-24, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (both days)

Degheri Alumni Center 120

How do cultural differences influence communication styles? How do race, ethnicity, gender, and other factors enhance and/or hinder our ability to connect effectively with our students and co-workers? This workshop explores concepts such as value dimension differences, communication styles, inter-group identity filters, and culture shock factors when crossing unfamiliar boundaries. Through a range of interactive tools, participants will develop their knowledge, awareness, and skills in dealing with communication diversity both inside and outside the classroom. Revising and/or creating courses to meet the "D" requirement incorporating workshop concepts will also be addressed.

Facilitated by Stella Ting-Toomey, California State University, Fullerton, 2006 Knapp Chair of Liberal Arts, author/editor of 15 books and over 70 articles on intercultural communication and conflict negotiation.

Continental breakfast and lunch served each day. \$200 stipend for first 20 faculty (part- or full-time) who register and attend both complete days. \$300 additional stipend available for participants who submit a syllabus and proposal to Dean to meet "D" requirement.

To register, contact Michelle Morris, ext. 4525, michellemorris@sandiego.edu, no later than January 16. For questions or additional information, contact Evelyn Kirkley, ext. 4131, ekirkley@sandiego.edu.

Honors Program

Honors Program statistics can be found at <http://www.sandiego.edu/honors/admission.php>

Risk Management

International Travel on behalf of USD

There are three components of protection for USD when faculty and staff are traveling outside the United States. These include:

- 1) International General Liability and Medical Coverage:
 - a. Property (not buildings) owned by USD and located in a foreign country. This would include classroom equipment. It does not include monies or any personal belongings of faculty and staff.
 - b. Liability incurred because of bodily injury or property damage to others. (If suit is brought in a foreign country this policy will cover the defense and settlement.)
 - c. Business Travel Accident covers:
Accident, death, and dismemberment, and medical expenses as a result of illness or injury
- 2) Mexican Automobile Insurance and General Liability
These policies are applicable only to travel within Mexico, and are in addition to the coverages listed above. The carrier must be informed of travel into Mexico by automobile prior to the trip.
- 3) World Wide Assistance – International SOS
This is a service rather than insurance. Travelers must register for the program. It covers, among other things:
 - a. Legal assistance
 - b. Medical assistance with English speaking doctors
 - c. Security evacuation
 - d. Medical evacuation including contagion medical evacuation

Detailed information about these coverages and the International Program can be found on the Risk Management Web site: <http://www.sandiego.edu/administration/financeadmin/facilities/risk/vehicles.php>

Please contact Barbara Schatzer at ext. 7677 for further information.

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Linda Barkacs, School of Business Administration, was awarded the Faculty Advisor of the Year Award at the Greek Awards Banquet on November 3. She was selected for her outstanding work with Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. This is the second time that she has received this honor.

Anne Hendershott, Sociology, was featured on the one-hour radio program *Catholic Answers* to discuss her book, *The Politics of Deviance*, on October 28.

Dr. Hendershott also presented a paper entitled “Looking for the Life of the (democratic) Party” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Catholic Social Scientists on October 28 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. The paper is a draft of a chapter of her upcoming book, *The Politics of Abortion*, to be published by Encounter Books this winter.

Alma C. Ortega, Copley Library, presented “¿En qué le puedo ayudar? How can I help you?” as part of the “Library Services Anytime Anywhere in the User’s Language” session on Virtual Reference at the California Library Association’s Annual Conference, November 4-7, in Pasadena, California.

Alma C. Ortega, Copley Library, **Jade G. Winn**, Copley Library, and **Marcie Rinka**, Languages and Literatures, presented the session “Forging Alliances: Models of Successful University Faculty and Librarian Collaboration” in instruction and collection development at the California Library Association’s Annual Conference, November 4-7, in Pasadena, California.

Daniel Rivetti, School of Business Administration, and **J. Michael Williams**, Political Science, were awarded the Order of Omega Commitment to Excellence Award at the Greek Awards Banquet on November 3. Both professors were nominated by fraternities and sororities for their outstanding work in the classroom, and for developing students beyond the classroom.

Susannah Stern, Communication Studies, presented her research on ethical issues involved with Internet research at the annual conference of the Association of Internet Researchers in Chicago in late September.

Dr. Stern co-authored a book chapter entitled "Race and gender in advertising: A look at sexualized images in prime-time commercials" that was recently published in *Sex in Advertising: Content, Representations, and Campaigns* (edited by T. Reichert and J. Lambiase; published by Lawrence Erlbaum).