

DATE: November 15, 2010

To: Faculty Senate

From: Lisa Morano, Chair of the 2011 Faculty Awards Committee

RE: Adjunct/Lecturer Faculty Award

The Faculty Awards Committee has been approached about offering an Award of Excellence for Adjunct/ Lecturer instructors. A majority of the committee has supported the idea and I know the idea has received strong support in previous years via discussion over email. The lecturers are not tenure-track and are currently not considered for the Academic Awards. Adjunct instructors make up an enormous percentage of our teaching staff at this university. The contributions of both lecturers and adjuncts are critical to the success of UHD and this population should be jointly honored.

Although the due date for the standard collection of the 2011 Faculty Awards is fast approaching (Tuesday, November 30th), we would be willing to have a second due date for nominations for an Award of Excellence for Adjunct/ Lecturer instructors in December or January so we may include this award in the 2011 Awards Ceremony. We would propose initially a joint category of Award of Excellence for Adjunct/ Lecturer instructors to be potentially expanded into more than one category in the future.

Questions:

1. Does the Faculty Senate support such an idea and request us to put out a call for nominations this December or January?
2. Would the administration be willing to fund such an award as it does the other three awards?
If yes, could it commit to said funds by January?
3. Would such an award need approval from any other group at the university?

Thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Lisa Morano
Chair, Faculty Awards Committee