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*College of Natural & Health Sciences
Office of the Dean*

Date: August 23, 2011
To: Faculty in the College of Natural and Health Sciences
From: Ellen Meyer Gregg, Interim Associate Dean
Subject: Call for Nominations, NHS Faculty Awards

Please recognize your colleagues by nominating them for NHS faculty excellence awards for teaching, scholarship, service, advising, student mentoring, and academic leadership. We are pleased to announce a new faculty award for excellence in advising. Each award carries a \$500 faculty development grant, which will be made available during the 2012 calendar year. Grant funds may be used for books, materials, software, travel, or other expenses that enhance faculty development. Nominations must be sent via email to the attention of Kim Paxton (kimberly.paxton@unco.edu), NHS Dean's office.

College of Natural and Health Sciences 2011-12 Excellence Awards

Excellence in Teaching

Excellence in Scholarship

Excellence in Service

Excellence in Advising

Faculty Research Mentor of the Year – Undergraduate Level

Faculty Research Mentor of the Year – Graduate Level

Academic Leadership

For each of the above awards:

- Schools and individual college faculty **must submit electronic nominations** (MS-Word or PDF documents of 1-5 pages), with rationale and supporting materials (limited to 15 pages total) to the NHS College Awards Committee by November 4, 2011, to Kim Paxton, NHS Dean's Office, Gunter 1000, kimberly.paxton@unco.edu. **Electronic applications are required.**
- All full-time faculty in the college are eligible to be nominated. School Directors and Department Chairs are eligible to be nominated for the Academic Leadership Award.
- One award will be presented in each category.
- The College Awards Committee will recommend the recipients for the awards to the NHS Dean by December 2, 2011.

- The recipients of all awards will be recognized at the spring semester college meeting and reception. The recipient of the Excellence in Scholarship Award will be nominated for the University A.M. & Jo Winchester Distinguished Scholar Award during the next academic year, and the recipients of the other awards will be nominated for the Provost's Academic Excellence Awards in the current academic year.
- Faculty members who have previously received an award in one of the categories are not eligible to receive another award in that category for five years. For example, a 2011 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award would not be eligible to receive that award again until 2016.

Criteria for Excellence in Teaching Award

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Communicate clearly and well
- Be well-organized
- Employ high academic standards
- Have clear goals
- Be enthusiastic
- Use active learning
- Encourage students to think
- Be student-centered
- Motivate students to pursue additional knowledge
- Provide college and/or campus leadership for teaching
 - Curriculum development
 - Mentoring new faculty

Criteria for Excellence in Scholarship Award

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Demonstrate thorough knowledge of the field
- Communicate that knowledge in an effective and organized manner via professional communication, publications and presentations
- Demonstrate a record of contributions to the discipline (relative to time in profession)
- Demonstrate a record of excellence in research and scholarship
- Evidence quality in the impact of one's scholarship (local, regional, national, international; with greater weight given to international and national)
- Involve students in research and its dissemination

Criteria for Excellence in Service Award

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Contribute significantly to the development of other faculty members
- Contribute significantly to the curriculum and instructional program of the University beyond one's own courses and department
- Contribute significantly to the discipline/profession
- Provide valuable professional service to the greater community beyond the university (e.g. contributions as an expert to Greeley or the state)

Criteria for Excellence in Advising Award

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Promote ample opportunity for student interaction
- Provide career mentoring as well as academic scheduling advisement
- Be widely knowledgeable of university requirements, academic policies, and student support services
- Consistently demonstrate respect, concern, and interest in students and student groups
- Participate in advising student groups

Criteria for Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Provide additional learning opportunities beyond classroom experience
- Use innovative research and mentoring methods
- Encourage students to present research findings at professional meetings
- Collaborate with students on publications
- Supportive of the professional growth of undergraduate students
- Communicate well with undergraduate student mentors
- Help students develop their own knowledge and skills through scholarly research beyond merely doing the work of the faculty member

Criteria for Graduate Research Mentor Award

All nominees must meet the following general criteria:

- Provide additional learning opportunities beyond classroom experience
- Use innovative research and mentoring methods
- Encourage students to present research findings at professional meetings
- Collaborate with students on publications
- Supportive of the professional growth of graduate students
- Communicate well with graduate student mentors
- Help students develop their own knowledge and skills through scholarly research beyond merely doing the work of the faculty member

Criteria for Academic Leadership Excellence Award

Examples of activities that would merit nomination for this award include:

- Provides leadership in mentoring faculty and students.
- Provides leadership in establishing and maintaining academic partnerships with other academic units, colleges or institutions.
- Provides leadership in a scholarly field, as demonstrated by publication of influential work, keynote or other invited addresses, significant service in professional organizations, or receipt of awards or honors of distinction.
- Provides leadership in acquisition of funds and/or resources that make a major contribution to the discipline and/or have a significant impact on major programs.
- Plays a major leadership role in service efforts having an exceptional impact on the quality or vitality of the community or society.
- Initiates and/or takes major responsibility for University outreach efforts, off-campus initiatives, and partnerships.

- Takes major responsibility for establishing and/or maintaining teaching, research, or service facilities.
- Takes on a major responsibility in campus governance that has an exceptional impact on the quality, vitality, or mission of the University.
- Demonstrates academic leadership in the broader College and University context, beyond advancement of his or her own discipline.

A committee of unit leaders chaired by the Associate Dean will make recommendations to the Dean.

One award will be made.

Important Dates:

NOMINATIONS & SUPPORTING MATERIALS DUE IN DEAN'S OFFICE (Attention Sandy Pope)	November 4, 2011
RECOMMENDATIONS OF AWARD RECIPIENTS DUE TO DEAN OF NHS	December 2, 2011
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION FROM NHS DEAN TO ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	Early February 2012
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NHS COLLEGE SCHOLAR FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD TO OSP	October 15, 2011