Date: 30 November 2015
To: Faculty
From: Stephen Schellenberg, Interim Dean, Division of Undergraduate Studies
Re: Call for Faculty Coordinator for AY16/17 Common Experience
Due: 18 December 2015 deadline for Letters of Application and Related Materials

The Common Experience promotes increased interactions among faculty, staff, and students through a focus on a common contemporary theme, related readings, and academic endeavors. The Program has selected the following themes for the next three academic years: “Experience Movement” (AY16/17), “Experience Imagination” (AY17/18), and “Experience Time” (AY18/19).

The Common Experience program seeks a Faculty Coordinator (FC) for the AY16/17 Common Experience theme of “Experience Movement”. The FC will work collaboratively with the program director and support staff and have the following responsibilities:

1. During February 2016, the FC will develop and promote an RFP for tenured and tenure-track faculty to address the “Experience Movement” theme from their respective disciplines. Potential activities include guest lectures, discussion panels, seminars, and complementary academic activities that extend and expand student learning and facilitate interactions among faculty, staff, and students.
2. By end-March 2016, the FC will recommend ten to fifteen awards for funding in collaboration with the program director and the AY15/16 faculty coordinator.
3. During spring through summer 2016, the FC will work with faculty awardees to establish the AY16/17 “Experience Movement” program schedule.
4. The FC will launch the series of events and programs with a featured lecture in September 2016 discussing his/her own treatment of the theme and offering a preview of upcoming programs for the academic year.
5. The FC will host a series of meetings during the academic year to engage funded faculty participants, other interested faculty, staff and students in theme programming. This can include pre-event discussions, guided viewings of exhibitions, and collaborations with programs and departments to sponsor student activities including research, community service, and paper competitions.
6. The FC and the program director will host a final workshop in May 2017 to review program outcomes and student learning outcomes assessment.

To value the FC contributions in Spring 2016 and AY16/17, funding for three units of course release will be provided to the FC’s home program for the F16 semester and the S17 semester.

Tenured and Tenure-Track faculty should submit a letter of application that (1) details their interest collaborating with faculty from across SDSU disciplines and fields of inquiry, (2) describes their experience in developing conferences, panels and events, and (3) demonstrates their commitment to advancing student learning beyond the traditional classroom. Applications must include a letter of support from their unit’s chair or director confirming the applicant’s availability for three units of course release during the F16 and the S17 semesters.

Please contact Jose Preciado (Director; preciado@mail.sdsu.edu) or Sarah Elkind (AY15/16 Faculty Coordinator; selkind@mail.sdsu.edu) with questions or comments. Letters are due on 18 December 2015 by 4:00 PM to AD-220 or via email to preciado@mail.sdsu.edu. The AY16/17 Faculty Coordinator will be announced on 20 January 2016.