Greetings from the Division of Academic Affairs.

Kudos and Accolades

- **Dr. June Cummins**, associate professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literature and faculty member for the National Center for the Study of Children’s Literature, has been named the 2017 recipient of the Children’s Literature Association (ChLA) Mentoring Award. The award recognizes excellence in mentoring taking place within the ChLA and extending beyond the boundaries of the mentor’s own university.

- Congratulations to the School of Teacher Education for receiving a fourth Integrated Teacher Education Program grant from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) which will provide $750,000 to create four-year programs for students to acquire both a bachelor’s degree and teaching credential. Professor Lisa Lamb and interim director of the School of Teacher Education Rafaela Santa Cruz also received a grant to prepare middle school mathematics and science teachers.

- The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses reported a 100% pass rate in 2016 for students who graduated from the Adult/Geriatric NP/CNS program, with scores well above the national average. Kudos to Adult Gerontology NP program director Dr. Lorraine Fitzsimmons and faculty.

- The Department of Geological Sciences’ AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geologists) Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) graduate student team won first place in regional competition, earning a spot in the nationals on March 31 in Texas. For updates on the national competition, visit the SDSU Geological Sciences Facebook page. Pictured (from left): Andrew Wilson, Dillon Murphy, Matt Skakum, Ariella Goldstein and Alex Laws

Events, Dates and Deadlines

**Senate’s Teaching Excellence Award – Recognizing Dr. John Elder**
The University Senate will honor Dr. John Elder, the 2016-17 recipient of the Senate’s Teaching
Excellence Award, 2.-4 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at Scripps Cottage. Elder will be recognized as Senate Distinguished Professor and give a presentation entitled “A Key Role for SDSU: Diversity, Technology and the Future of Public Health.” RSVP here.

Periscope on Strategic Priorities

Faculty Survey: Thank you to all of the temporary, tenured, and tenure-track faculty who participated in the SDSU/UCLA HERI Faculty Survey, which yielded a 35% response rate. An initial analysis of data in comparison to other institutions nationwide will be provided by the Higher Education Research Institute early this summer and distributed to campus leaders, Senate committees, and faculty members and posted on the Faculty Advancement website.

Faculty Leadership Institute: The Office of the Provost is pleased to announce the inaugural Faculty Leadership Institute, to be held 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. June 19 in the AS Council Chambers. The day-long program is designed to support faculty who have held leadership roles or demonstrate capacity for leadership roles in their academic programs. Participation is limited to twenty faculty members nominated by their deans, chairs, other campus leaders, faculty peers, or self-nomination. Please send a brief nomination statement to the Office of the Provost via email by May 1.

Postscript
Liverpool 3, Everton 1
Tottenham 2, Burnley 0
Crystal Palace 2, Chelsea 1
Leicester 2, Stoke City 0
Man United 0, West Brom 0
Arsenal 2, Man City 2
UNC 71, Gonzaga 65
Orozco (26-0; 17 KOs) v. Gibson (16-1-1; 7 KOs): 4th round KO

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