

**COMMITTEE ON DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE  
NOMINATION FOR THE 2021-2022 DISTINGUISHED CAMPUS SERVICE AWARD**

**Katherine Kinney**

The Academic Senate Committee on Distinguished Service is pleased to nominate Professor Katherine Kinney of the English Department for this year's award. Our nomination is based on Dr. Kinney's sustained and significant service to her department and the campus. This service has had a very large impact for the good as UCR develops as a major research campus while keeping its distinctive "personal touch."

Kinney served as English Department Chair for four years (plus two quarters as Interim Chair) during a time of considerable expansion. During this time the department hired a number of colleagues who play a role in the department's success now. She went on to serve as Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities (in the CHASS Dean's Office) for more than four years, during which she managed several sensitive and challenging situations with her characteristic poise and dignity. This included serving as Co-Vice-Chair of the Department of Sociology during a turbulent period in that department and also negotiating a cooperative arrangement between faculty members in CHASS and library staff in a difficult context. She extended her service in this role to facilitate the transition to a new dean.

During her time as Chair and then Associate Dean, Dr. Kinney provided significant service to academic senate committees on campus and systemwide. Among the various such committees, it is particularly noteworthy that she served three years on the very important and time-consuming Committee on Planning and Budget, including one year as its Chair. Her service in this role, considerable in itself, also entailed serving on multiple other key campus committees, including the Senate Executive Committee and the Long-Range Planning and Budget Committee. One of her colleagues who worked closely with Dr. Kinney on these centrally important committees wrote, "In my opinion, Dr. Kinney has excellent analytical and quantitative skills and abilities, but one of the strengths that impresses me about Dr. Kinney is her complete dedication and loyalty to UCR and all its campus constituents. ... An additional major strength is her kind and calm personality, as she treats everyone with great respect and dignity."

Given her wealth of experience, it is not surprising that Dr. Kinney has in recent years been tapped for service on advisory committees to select the Interim Provost and then Provost, the Special Senate Committee to report on concerns about campus leadership, and various other key advisory and steering committees, including for the Long-Range Development Plan, the Campus Budget Advisory Committee, and the Athletics Working Group.

A faculty and also administrative colleague wrote, "The depth and breadth of her service is extraordinary. ... I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that UCR simply would not be UCR without Katherine Kinney's devoted, substantial, constant, and consequential service." The Committee agrees, and we end by emphasizing that Dr. Kinney has both served the campus and university for a substantial length of time and has contributed in a comprehensive array of

different contexts. Her contributions have indeed played an important role in making UCR the campus it is today.