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Dear Engineering Faculty

It gives me great pleasure to write this email to follow up on Interim Provost Ficke's announcement earlier this week, launching the RSCA assigned time program campus wide. I believe this represents a significant step towards realizing San Jose State University as a full intellectual contributor to the Silicon Valley region and beyond, which will increase opportunities for our students and our faculty. Students will benefit by direct involvement in research activity, by integration of cutting edge research into teaching, and by our engineering education research, which improves the state of education for the field of engineering as well as our own students. Students will also indirectly benefit by the increasing role of SJSU as a source of ideas and solutions, not just workforce. I believe this will lead to increased interest in recruiting our students and improved career outcomes.

As you are aware, the Davidson College of Engineering has had a RSCA assigned time system for several years now. This has provided opportunity for our faculty to do some impactful scholarly work. We are rapidly working to align the system already in place with this new campus wide opportunity. If you have received assigned time for RSCA through the COE system, you are required to apply in order to receive this assigned time for Spring 2019. If you did not receive assigned time for RSCA through the COE system, you are invited to apply.

Further details will be forthcoming (including a FAQ), but for now, attached please find a memo from the Provost's office containing campus wide implementation details. Attached also please find an application packet. The intent is to not make this application process burdensome. The scholarly agenda is restricted to 800 words for probationary faculty and 1000 words for tenured faculty. It could be that editing your scholarly agenda down to meet the word count might be the most burdensome part.

I will be joining the Probationary Faculty Learning Community on 9/17 to talk about this program, and I have scheduled two other info sessions in E494 (1:30-2:30 pm on 9/13 and 9-10 am on 9/17) and open to probationary faculty who can't make the Learning Community meeting and tenured faculty. Essam and I will be at both of this info sessions. And as additional details come forth, I will share as I receive them.

Best regards,
Sheryl

