MEMORANDUM

TO: AYSPS Faculty

FROM: Mary Beth Walker, Dean

DATE: February 20, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 AYSPS Excellence in Teaching Award

The Dean’s Office in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies will make an award for outstanding teaching. The award will be given to someone who has distinguished themselves by their teaching effectiveness, as evidenced by student evaluations, innovation in the classroom, demand for their courses, commitment to curriculum development, development of teaching methods adopted by other faculty, distinguished advising, and the like. These contributions could have taken place over the past three years.

The winner will be selected each year by the Andrew Young School’s Executive Committee. The award will be $5,000 (less mandatory withholding) and you will be recognized at an AYSPS reception, on the AYSPS website and in AYSPS publications. No one can win more than once in a three year period. Last year’s winners were Andrew Hanson and Janelle Kerlin-Bassett. Both tenure track and full-time non tenure track teachers are eligible. Graduate Teaching Assistants and Part-time Instructors are not.

Candidates will be nominated by faculty and by students. The supporting evidence will include:

- Two nomination letters: one from a faculty member and one from a student,
- A statement from the nominee,
- Student testimonials (optional, can be drawn from evaluations)
- Other evidence that might be relevant.

Nomination letters, candidate statements, and supporting evidence must be received in the Dean’s Office, care of Avani Raval, by the end of business, Monday, March 19, 2012. Electronic submissions are preferable.