Shelley Marquez's tremendous impact on the research units she has managed and her long-standing and dedicated service to the University make her an ideal recipient for this year’s Betsy Faught Award.

Shelley serves as the business officer for three separate ORUs at UCSD: the Center for Research in Language (CRL), the Institute for Neural Computation (INC), and the Kavli Institute for Brain and Mind (KIBM). In addition, Shelley has taken on the additional responsibility of Executive Director of the Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center (TDLC), an NSF-sponsored Science of Learning Center.

Shelley's service to the campus began over 25 years ago at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography where she spent over a decade as an administrative assistant and then staff research associate before moving to the general campus in 1995. Shelley's first position in Academic Affairs was as business officer for both the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) and the Latin American Studies master's program. In 1998, Shelley was promoted to the position of business officer in CRL. Four years later, she added management of INC to her portfolio, then KIBM two years after that, and finally, TDLC. Shelley is the only business officer on campus with management responsibility for three distinct ORUs (plus a fourth large research effort), a testament to her abilities and success.

While her regular management responsibilities keep her very busy, Shelley has contributed significantly to numerous campus wide efforts. In 2001 she was a member of the ABA committee on staff morale. She has also served on a variety of ABA committees and is a leader in the ORU Business Administrators group (ORUBA). This past year Shelley joined the Academic Affairs Business Officer Academy (BOA) committee to share her vast experiences and impart her wisdom upon the business officers of tomorrow. Despite her myriad commitments to UCSD, Shelley maintains a work-life balance. In her free time Shelley is a private pilot, meditation instructor, and avid surfer.

Shelley Marquez, congratulations and thank you.
Today we honor Excellence in Academic Program Management. The BETSY FAUGHT AWARD was created to honor the memory of an outstanding department manager who adeptly and skillfully managed an academic program at UCSD for more than twenty years. Betsy embodied the best characteristics of an academic manager – administrative acumen, excellent supervisory skills, dedication to her department and to the campus, and professionalism. Because of her personal attributes, skills and abilities, Betsy made the University a better place to work. Her management style has been described as “gracious leadership” - she believed that people are our most important asset and in building a community where each individual is respected and encouraged to achieve his or her potential. Betsy found the positive side of any challenge and worked toward making the University a rewarding environment for faculty, staff and students.

Previous Betsy Faught Award Recipients

1995  Jennefer Collins  Department of Biology
1996  Patti Harp  Department of Psychology
1997  Karen Andrews  Department of Linguistics
1998  Deborah Bailey  Department of Economics
1999  Alejandra Ruiz  Department of History
2001  Lori Guardiano-Durkin  CREATE
2003  Nancy Hartley  Department of Mathematics
2005  Barbara Stewart  Department of Sociology
2006  Mary Hart  San Diego Supercomputer Ctr
2007  Jan Cox  Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
2008  Marjorie Hardy  Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry

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