**Academic Senate Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development (SDAD: Awardees of the Leon Henkin Award, 2013)**

The Leon A. Henkin Citation for Distinguished Service honors a member of the Berkeley faculty for “exceptional commitment to the educational development of students from groups who are underrepresented in the academy.” Nominees are selected by the Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development (SDAD) of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate.

Leon A. Henkin is an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics who was a founder of the Committee on Special Scholarships in 1963, a Committee of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate whose goal was to enable students from underrepresented groups to attend and excel at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Henkin remains a member of this same but renamed Committee to this day. All throughout Professor Henkin’s career he has worked tirelessly to increase equity and access to higher education and to promote the academic, personal, and professional success of Berkeley students from groups traditionally underrepresented in academic disciplines. He was the first recipient of this Citation from the Academic Senate, and the Citation bears his name as a testimony to his distinguished service.

1. **Mark Richards**, Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences; Dean, Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Executive Dean, Letters and Science. Professor Richards has, in his capacity as Executive Dean, been instrumental to the development of and continuing support for innovative programs that increase diversity in science. The nominators who have put forth their endorsement of Dean Richards cite numerous programs that he has led and supported with external funding efforts, leadership and dedication that go above and beyond his position as Dean. Central to his many efforts, in relation to the Henkin Award, has been the establishment of the Level the Playing Field Institute program (SMASH) for low-income students on the Berkeley campus, along with leadership of the Berkeley Edge Program, which has recently been recognized by *Science* for having produced more STEM PhD’s than any other AGEP campus. Dean Richards has also spearheaded the collaborative support for the Compass program, which works to increase readiness and interest in the physical sciences for undergraduates among a core of diverse students. In sum, the SDAD committee recognizes the efforts and accomplishments of Dean Richards in not only generating funding and programmatic initiatives, but in inculcating the mandate for diversity in the faculty that he oversees that has promoted a change in not just campus climate but in actual results.

2. **Susan Schweik**, Professor of English/Disability Studies. Professor Schweik is selected as a worthy recipient of this award for her exceptionally dedicated and productive work with the establishment of Disability Studies on the Berkeley campus and for having literally “grounded” it, perhaps almost single-handedly. Professor Schweik has taken seriously both the scholarship and history of disability studies, as well as the guidance and respect for disabled students, including outstanding mentoring, service on the Chancellor’s Board of
Accommodations, working with the Web Access group, and initiating the Ed Roberts post-doctoral Fellowship program in Disability Studies. Testimonials from students and colleagues offer abundant support and endorsement of her crucial, key and on-going role as an active advocate for students with disabilities, as well as her standing as an internationally-recognized scholar of disability studies. Given that her devotion and actions are first and foremost to the educational development of students with disabilities, the committee unanimously endorsed her qualifications as a recipient of the Leon Henkin Award for 2013.