

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 1:00 pm
Library, 6th Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. New Business
 - a. Fund availability
 - b. Review compensated leave applications
 - c. Review endowment applications
 - d. Review of research proposals

MINUTES

The Arkansas State University Faculty Research Awards Committee met on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Library, 6th Floor Conference Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. Chair, Bill Burns, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. In attendance: Members: Andrew Sustich, Brandon Kemp, Bill Burns, Brian Church, Brett Savary, Richard Segall, Gabriel Tait and Koushik Biswas; RTT staff: Rebekah Craig. Members absent were: Cheryl DuBose and Sarah Labovitz, both of whom submitted their recommended rankings by email in advance of the meeting; Mary Donaghy was absent.

New Business:

- a. Eleanor Lane Faculty Development Endowment: \$4,727 available for this academic year, \$3,050 awarded in Fall 2015, thus \$1,677 is available. Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Endowment: \$1,027 available for this academic year, \$250 was awarded in Fall 2015, thus \$777 is available.
- b. Committee evaluated options for funding some Deutsch and Lane applications with funds remaining from research proposals. Only applications for travel that spans across the current and coming fiscal years (commences before and ends after June 30, 2016) will be eligible for use of research funds.

Six applications for Deutsch Endowment funds and three applications for Lane Endowment funds were received and reviewed.

- i. Motion by Burns, seconded by Kemp to vote on funding Gary Edwards and Justin Castro from Deutsch funds. Committee voted unanimously to fund Castro for \$500 and to not fund Edwards.
- ii. Motion by Tait, seconded by Burns and passed by unanimous vote to: fund \$977 from Lane Endowment to Po-Lin Pan and fund \$277 from Deutsch Endowment and \$700 from Lane Endowment to Fabricio Medina-Bolivar.
- iii. Committee discussed funding other endowment proposals using FRAC research funds if the entirety of the research funds were not awarded for research proposals. This would preserve some balance in the endowments and allow research funds to support the dissemination of faculty research and scholarship. In the discussion of applications, Committee evaluated the significance of proposed journals and venues for dissemination and confirmed whether these were to be considered “predatory”. Concerns were voiced that the supported activity should result in a significant addition to the faculty member’s CV, in the form of a publication or presentation, which will advance the discipline.

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- iv. Motion made by Savary, seconded by Burns and passed by unanimous vote to: Fund Zahid Hossain for \$1,500; to request a revised budget from Catherine Calloway, fund full amount if it is \$1,150 or less and re-evaluate and vote by email if revised budget exceeds that amount; and to not fund the applications from Ryan Kelly or Hans Hacker.
- c. One application for reassignment was received. Committee noted that these applications are no longer being received and are not currently posted on the FRAC website. The application was not reviewed.
- d. Five research proposals were received and reviewed. Motion by Burns, seconded by Tait and passed by unanimous vote to: fully fund Temma Balducci's proposal for \$3,446; fully fund Abrar Alam's proposal for \$4,870; partially fund Travis Marsico's proposal in the amount of \$3,038 to be used for supplies and graduate research assistant salary and fringe benefits; partially fund Than Boves' proposal for \$4,324 to be used for supplies and services; hold Tanay Bhatt's proposal in unfunded status and advise to revise and resubmit; and to open a second call for research proposals with a deadline of April 8, 2016.

Motion to adjourn by Burns and seconded by Sustich. Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Submitted by: Rebekah Craig (Director of Research Development)