

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 29, 2018, 2:00 pm

Library, 6th Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. New Business
 - a. Minutes Approval
 - b. Funds Availability
 - c. Proposed timeline revision for travel applications
 - d. Review endowment applications
 - e. Review research applications
 - f. Professor of the Month nominations

MINUTES

The Arkansas State University Faculty Research Awards Committee met on Thursday, March 29, 2018, in the Library 6th Floor Conference Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. Ex-Officio, Andrew Sustich, in place of Chair, Gabriel Tate, due to inability to be present, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. In attendance: Members: Bilinda Norman, Jianfeng Xu (proxy for Brett Savary), Bruce Faske (proxy for Sarah Labovitz), Ron Sitton (proxy for Gabriel Tait), Bill Burns, Hyunju Jeong (proxy for Ashraf Elsayed), Justin Castro, Koushik Biswas, Shane Hunt, Ryan Kelly, Andrew Sustich; RTT: Emily Devereux.

New Business:

- a. *Minutes Approval.* Minutes from fall 2017 were discussed. Bilinda Norman made a motion to accept the minutes, Bill Burns seconded the motion, and all voted in favor for acceptance.
- b. *Funds Availability.* Eleanor Lane Faculty Development Endowment and Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Endowment funds were all awarded in the fall, and Andy will supplement with RTT's IDCs to fund applications if eligible.
- c. *Proposed timeline revision for travel applications.*
 - In the past, FRAC has reviewed fall applications for July 1 – December 31 and spring applications for January 1 – June 30. It has been discussed by faculty that it would be easier to plan travel if they knew they had travel funds from FRAC before approaching Deans/Chairs for travel supplements in the departments and colleges and for travel approval. FRAC is now proposing in future that applications for fall be considered for January 1- June 30 and spring applications be considered for July 1 – December 31 for advanced funding, with exception of this fall to include fall 2018 funding for transition.
 - It is proposed by FRAC to limit travel endowment funds to presentation travel grants in the future and to leave travel for research in research funds. The focus of the endowment funds will be to disseminate the results of research completed and leave the focus of the research award funds for research development. It is also proposed to make national travel a priority.
 - Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve these proposed changes, Shane Hunt seconded the motion, and all voted in favor for acceptance.
- d. *Review endowment applications.* Total of eight applications – six for Deutsch Endowment funds, two for Lane Endowment funds – were received and reviewed. All applications except one were recommended for funding. One application did not include or clarify presentation acceptance.

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 29, 2018, 2:00 pm

Library, 6th Floor Conference Room

Motion was made by Jianfeng Xu to fund eligible applications, seconded by Bill Burns, and all voted in favor.

- e. *Review research applications.* Due to varying requests in research proposals for summer salary, FRAC is proposing to limit summer salary requests to 0.5 months (up to a max of \$4,000) for faculty. Proposed preferences are for junior faculty and no FRAC funding for last 10 years. Twelve research applications were received and reviewed. Funded as follows: Joe Ford's proposal was funded at \$5,360, motioned by Shane Hunt and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor; Dinah Tetteh's proposal was funded at \$5,400, motioned by Bill Burns and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor; Lorin Neuman-Lee's proposal was funded at \$6,398, motioned by Bill Burns and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor; Brett Savary's proposal was funded at \$6,750, motioned by Shane Hunt and seconded by Bill Burns, all in favor; Derek Jenkin's proposal was funded at \$6,000, motioned by Bilinda Norman and seconded by Bruce Faske, all in favor; Turgut Ozkan was funded at \$4,500, motioned by Bill Burns and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor; Manu Bhandari was funded at \$2,650, motioned by Bill Burns and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor; John Hershberger was funded at \$1,500, motioned by Bill Burns and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor; and Donghoon Kim was funded at \$4,710, motioned by Shane Hunt and seconded by Jianfeng Xu, all in favor.
- f. *Total funds awarded.* \$40,000 in ENG funds, \$3,168 in RTT funds for research, and \$4,000 in RTT funds for travel were awarded from this round of spring applications.
- g. *Professor of the Month nominations.* The next research professor of the month was unanimously agreed upon as Zahid Hossian. Do not have capacity to release videos and press releases each month and needs to be revisited.

Motion to adjourn by Bilinda Norman and seconded by Shane Hunt. Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.

Submitted by: Emily Devereux, Executive Director of Research Development, RTT

Meeting minutes approved by FRAC on 10/26/18. ED