

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 1:00 pm
Library, 6th Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. General Announcements
3. Approval of Minutes
4. New Business
 - a. Funds availability
 - b. Review research applications
 - c. Review endowment applications
5. Adjourn

MINUTES

The Arkansas State University Faculty Research Awards Committee met on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, in the Library 6th Floor Conference Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. Andy Sustich called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. In attendance: Members: Andrew Sustich, Ryan Kelly, Richard Segall, Brett Savary, Gabriel Tait, Justin Castro, Koushik Biswas, Cheryl Dubose; RTT staff: Emily Devereux, Lily Peschanskaia. Members absent were: Bill Burns, Sarah Labovitz, Ashraf El Sayed. Burns and Ashraf El Sayed submitted their rankings and comments by email in advance of the meeting.

General Announcements

Sustich informed the Committee that Professor of the Month has to be chosen for the Fall 2017 semester. RTT will start accepting applications on 04/03/17. Vote for September award has to be conducted via email since the award has to be announced before the next FRAC meeting. Decision for the following months' awardees can be made at the fall FRAC meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Committee reviewed the minutes and decided that it was too detailed and edits have to be made. The revised version will be emailed to the committee members for approval.

New Business:

- a. Eleanor Lane Faculty Development Endowment: \$2,752 available for this award cycle. Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Endowment: \$191 available for this award cycle. Faculty Research Fund: \$40,000 available. Sustich informed the Committee that RTT can provide additional funds for research proposals and endowment applications if needed.
- b. Eight research proposals were received and reviewed. Motion by Savary, seconded by Kelly and passed by unanimous vote to: fully fund Beth Bos' proposal for \$5,800, Brook Fluker's proposal for \$6,682, Hyunju Jeong's proposal for \$7,944, Peter Larbi's proposal for \$3,733, and Malathi Srivatsan's proposal for \$13,031. Since additional RTT funds were available, motion made by Biswas, seconded by Dubose and passed by unanimous vote to: fund in full plus add \$2,000 to

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Christopher Peters' proposal – total amount funded \$4,866, and to fund in full plus add \$2,000 (must be used on PI's and GA's salaries) to Joseph Rukus' proposal – total amount funded \$4,639.

- c. Total of five travel applications – three for Deutsch Endowment fund and two for both Lane and Deutsch funds – were received and reviewed. Motion made by Castro, seconded by Kelly to fund in full Steve Bounds and Anahita Izadyar's applications, to fund Loretta McGregor's application in the amount of \$500 and Rejoyce Addae's application in the amount of \$2,752. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Kelly and seconded by Segall. Meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Submitted by: Lily Peschanskaia
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