

University Research Council

November 17, 2020

4 – 6 p.m.

Approved

Present: Maryam Ahmed, Becki Battista, Erin Bouldin, Andrew Caldwell, Megen Culpepper, Elaine Berry, Beth Fiske, Karen Fletcher, Soo Goh, Christine Hendren, Charna Howson, Ece Karatan,, Mina Min, Gary McCullough, Pam Mitchem, Andrew Monroe

Excused: Marie Hoepfl, Alicia Jackson, Abhi Ramalingam, Twila Wingrove

Absent: Shante' Mathes, Rebecca Witter

Staff: Kate Hoffman

➤ Ece Karatan calls the meeting to order.

New Business

1. Approval of the [October 20, 2020 minutes](#)

MOTION (McCullough, Hendren): To approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting . VOTE: 11 – Approved, 0 - Opposed, 0 - Abstained. Motion passes.

2. Brief Announcement - UNC System - COVID-19 Grants - Ece Karatan

The UNC System is accepting COVID-19 related research proposals. Each campus may submit one proposal. Campus submissions are due to the Office of Research by Thursday, November 19 at noon. This is a tight deadline as the notice is dated November 13, 2020.

3. URC Fall 2020 Grants Funding Recommendations - Karen Fletcher & Ece Karatan

Karen Fletcher shares her screen with the confidential funding recommendations spreadsheet. Funding all the green shaded rows amounts to \$48,828 for eleven awards. Applications are light. Thank you for your reviews and work on scoring these. Any questions or thoughts? If there are none, Karen asks for a motion to fund as a package.

Maryam Ahmed asks if people can receive multiple awards over time? Karen states, yes, a person may receive multiple URC grant awards as long as there is a timely final report, they apply to an externally funded grant (after receiving their second award), and one year passes between the awards.

MOTION: - Andrew Caldwell motions, Maryam Ahmed seconds, to fund all applications shaded green for a total of eleven applications at a cost of \$48,828.

VOTE: 11 – Approve, 0 - Oppose, 1 - Abstains. Motion passes.

Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:

- Mannon, Bethany (English) - \$2,483 - “Cultivating Effective Online First-Year Writing Instruction at Appalachian State University”

Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:

- Lamont, Ellen (Sociology) - \$4,900 - “Remaking Relationships: Appalachian Families in Flux”
- Poling, Daniel (Reading Education & Special Education) - \$4,290 - “Development and Pilot Study of an Online Language Arts-Integrated Social-Emotional Learning Intervention for Appalachian Academy at Middle Fork”
- Kananovich, Volha (Communication) - \$4,928 – “Who’s Picking Up The Tab? The Effects of The News Framing of Spending Taxpayer Money on Citizens’ Demands for Government Accountability”

Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:

- Amet, Francois (Physics & Astronomy) - \$5,000 – “Mapping Electromechanical Defects in Electronic Nano Devices”
- Shirzad, Sharareh (Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment) - \$5,000 - “Chemical and Rheological Characterization of Bio-oil Modified Asphalt Binder”
- Soule, Peter (Geography & Planning) - \$4,732 - “A Dendroclimatic Reconstruction of Atmospheric River Precipitation in Southern California”
- Windham, Andrew (Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment) - \$5,000 - “Development and Testing of BN/ID Models for Controlling HVAC Processes”

Award recommendations from the Health review panel:

- Marshall, Ashley (Health & Exercise Science) - \$3,944 - “ The Influence of Patient-Reported Outcome Measure Terminology on Symptom Reporting in Physically Active Individuals”
- Nunnery, Danielle (Nutrition & Healthcare Management) – \$4,585 – “Mapping Perinatal Health Care Resources for Western North Carolina to Examine Place-based Disparities in Maternal Health”
- Russell, David (Sociology) – \$3,966 “Exploring Illness Experiences of COVID-19 Long-Haulers in Online Communities of Support”

Motion to adjourn (Ahmed, Hendren). Adjournment 4:18 pm.