

University Research Council
April 17, 2018
387 John Thomas Hall
4 – 6 p.m.
Approved

Present: Rebecca Battista, Nicole Bennett, Gabriele Casale, Allan Duncan, Karen Fletcher, James Houser, Jeff Ramsdell, Iryna Sharaievska, Robin Tyndall, Lucinda McCray, Gary McCullough, Maurice Meilleur, Julia Pedigo, Caroline Smith, Alecia Jackson

Excused: Charna Howson, Amy Roberts, Tracy Goodson-Espy, Twila Wingrove, Neel Das

Absent: Elisabeth Cavallaro

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Katie Howard

Call to order – Jeff Ramsdell – no quorum (members come and go throughout meeting)

Approval of the March 20, 2018 minutes - no quorum (email vote after meeting: approval of minutes passed)

Old Business: URC and bepress™ - Gabe Casale

After last meeting from Joyce, Gabe is very skeptical about the benefit to faculty. It doesn't do anything different than NCDOKS. NCDOKS is \$300 versus bepress™ for \$40,000. Parent company gets money from extra publications. Other schools are not using bepress™, at Illinois Wesleyan University (less than 2,000 students) a quarter of its faculty created profiles. University of South Carolina has only twelve faculty profiles. Provost Kruger halts the purchase for campus. Gabe has discussed this with Barbara Howard and will meet with Dean Ward on Monday.

Maurice says his Faculty Senate representative heard about it. Even if faculty buy-in, it seems as if the purchase leads to the harvesting of marketing data without permission.

Jeff states that URC is a faculty voice as well as Faculty Senate. He thanks members for bringing it to Faculty Senate's attention.

New Business: Spring 2018 URC AWARDS

URC Spring 2018 application reviews and panel recommendations – Karen Fletcher and Katie Howard

- Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
 - German Campos-Munoz (English) – \$4,990.40 - “Plus Ultra: Five Studies of the Classics in South America”

- Brooke Hofsess (Art) - \$3,834.32 - “Wild Preserving: Cultivating Ecologies of Girlhood in Appalachia”
- Eric Karchmer (Anthropology) - \$2,500.00 – “On the danger of popsicles and other modern commodities: nurturing children in contemporary China “
- Jeana Klein (Art) – \$3,464.18 - “Social Media and Social Practice: Collaborating with Community in the Trumpian Era”
- Harry Maddux (Watauga Residential College) – \$3,999.90 - “American Residential Colleges: The Past 50 Years”
- Mira Waits (Art) – \$4,770.46 - “Colonial Carcerality: The Birth of the Modern Prison in India”
- Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
 - Pia Albinsson (Marketing) - \$3,947.80 – “Advertising Effectiveness of Rhetoric Works and Emotional Appeals in Preventative Health Communications”
 - Brian Bulla (Government and Justice Studies) - \$4,426.00 – “Collaborative Watershed Governance in the New River: Institutions, Actors, and Policy Coherence”
 - Jacqueline Ignatova (Sustainable Development) - \$2,452.72 – “Food Sovereignty in the High Country”
- Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
 - Jennifer Geib (Biology) – \$2,650.00 – “Untangling the Webs of Species Associated with Below-ground Cavities Utilized by Bumble Bees – a New Application of the “Nest Web” Concept”
 - Johnathan Sugg (Geography and Planning) – \$3,618.97 - “The Changing Hydroclimatology of the Southeastern U.S.”
- Award recommendations from the Health review panel:
 - Jennifer Dalton (Communication Sciences and Disorders) – \$2,122.48 – “Perceptual Discrimination of Hierarchically Related Speech Stimuli in Children with Speech Sound Disorder: A Pilot Study”
 - Marco Meucci (Health and Exercise Science) – \$2,996.15 - “The Effects of Play-based Physical Activity on Cardiovascular and Cardiorespiratory Fitness in Children”
 - Darren Seals and Maryam Ahmed (Biology) – \$4,000.00 – “Oncolytic Virus-mediated Tumor-associated Macrophage Modulation in Breast Cancer”
 - Kyle Thompson, Alisha Farris, and Melissa Gutschall (Nutrition and Health Care Management) – \$2,943.15 – “Assessing Food Pantry Capacity in Eighteen Northwest North Carolina Counties through a Regional Food Bank Partnership”
- DISCUSSION
 - Funding concerns within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount from \$64,277.00 to \$52,716.53.
- Motion to approve funding as a package via email response to secure the necessary quorum. Motion passes.

Jeff Ramsdell thanks members for their service on this important campus committee and acknowledges those members for whom this is their last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm