

University Research Council
November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes
387 John Thomas Hall
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Approved

Present: Rebecca Battista, Suzanna Brauer, Gabriele Casale, Elisabeth Cavallaro, Neel Das, Karen Fletcher, Tracy Goodson-Espy, Marie Hoepfl, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Ece Karatan, Gary McCullough, Maurice Meilleur, Pam Mitchem, Julia Pedigo, Amy Roberts, Iryna Sharaievska, Caroline Smith, Robin Tyndall, Twila Wingrove

Excused: Maryam Ahmed

Staff: Kate Hoffman

Call to order – Ece Karatan 4:04 pm

MINUTES: Approval of the October 16, 2018 minutes approved as amended - Replaced Karen with Office of Research regarding participation in library survey.

Brief Announcements

- Office of Research - Ece Karatan

In order to support the university's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion efforts, the Office of Research is now accepting applications for a new intramural funding program: The Scholarship for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion grant. This program is supported by the Office of Research in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Walker College of Business, Beaver College of Health Sciences, Reich College of Education, Hayes School of Music, The Honors College, and Belk Library and Information Commons.

This program is intended to support projects that will investigate issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Proposed projects should:

- include students as active participants in experimental design, data collection, and/or analysis of results.
- have potential for being expanded upon in the future and/or for encouraging further, externally funded research on diversity and inclusion.

This grant mechanism will fund: research supplies, equipment, or services (e.g. data sets), compensation for subjects, travel for purposes of gathering data, consulting archives and collections, or collaborating with colleagues when necessary.

This grant mechanism will not fund: faculty, staff, or student salaries, conference support, purely instructional projects, event programming, food/drink/entertainment expenses.

- Grants Resources and Services – Karen Fletcher
Workshop schedule - CAE – The Grant Proposal Workshop held earlier today set a record attendance of fourteen people. Electronic evaluations should be in by Friday.

InfoReady is (one stop shop for competitions on campus). Iryna asked if there is a way to modify the forms to reduce repetitiveness. Karen replied that there is some ability to make modifications, but it is limited. Gary also has mentioned the same issue. More information is being gathered about the options for modification.

- Sponsored Programs - Charna Howson
Proposal data through October 2018 will be posted to the website this week (see the Reports link from the Tool Box at the bottom of the Sponsored Programs website). Submission numbers are well above FY 2018. Dollars requested are up 806% at \$35.7 million. The number of submissions is up 51% at 68 each.

Compared to our FY 2017 record year: dollars requested are already at 50% of the FY 2017 year-end total. The number of submissions are up 6% over the October FY17 report.

Award numbers are running very close to FY 2018; fluctuating just above or below each month. October numbers are slightly down as Sponsored Programs's attention turned to heavy submission traffic. Award receipts for October were down 3% at the end of October totaling \$7.2 million. The number of awards received was down by a count of three (7%). Other post-submission and post-award activity is up 84 % over FY18.

- Research Data Analysis – Twila Wingrove
Workshops are finished for this semester. RDA is planning for next semester. Plans for workshops through CAE for January include Open Science Practices in Research Flow & Qualitative Analysis.
- Research Protections – Robin Tyndall
Research Protections is currently in the process of rewriting policies. Regulations on Human Subjects are changing in January. Conflict of Interest has policy changes too. There is bio-safety oversight expansion as well. These policies will be submitted to the URC for review and feedback.
- Student Research – Becki Battista
Undergraduate research assistant funding deadline is the first week of December. Thirty to forty applications are expected. Student Research helped Amy Galloway receive an expensive publication fee waived by writing a justification that the manuscript involved an internal grant as a student. Please keep this in mind. OSR is happy to write justification letters.
- Special Funds – Amy Roberts

Paying Human Subjects information for the website is being updated. The process of checks to students has changed. Effort reporting for Fall reports requesting at end of January. The effort reporting process will be moved to an online reporting system.

NEW BUSINESS: Fall 2018 URC AWARDS

- Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
 - Adam Booker (Hayes School of Music) – \$4,728.20- “Missa Brevis and Seven Last Words from the Cross”
 - Dana Powell (Anthropology) - \$4,897.45 - “Indigeneity, Electricity and Water: Ethnographic and Global Perspectives on Dine and Maori Natural Resources”
 - IlaSahai Prouty (Art) - \$5,000.00 – “Creation of Sculptural Paper Props for Collaborative Performance”
- Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
 - Stella Anderson (Management) - \$4,563.30 – “Faculty Employment Rights and Grievance Hearing Procedures in Public, Non-Union Universities”
 - Felicia Arriaga (Sociology) - \$4,987.04 – “Mapping Crimmigration in NC”
 - Rebecca Payne Jordan (RESE) - \$4,766.00 – “The Influence of Early Learning and Development Standards on Preschool Teachers' Content Knowledge, Early Literacy”
- Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
 - Fangxiao Liu (Technology & the Built Environment) – \$4,996.00 – “Soil Erosion Monitoring Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology”
 - Jaewon Oh (Technology & the Built Environment) – \$4,998.05 “Developing a realistic thermal model for a residential solar photovoltaic system”
- Award recommendations from the Health review panel:
 - Zach Farris (Health & Exercise Science) – \$4,732.88 – “Connecting the dots from cats to humans: Exploring Troxoplasmosis transmission in Madagascar”
 - Matthew Rogatzki (Health & Exercise Science) – \$5,000.00 “Blood Biomarkers of Concussion in Adult Rugby Players”
- DISCUSSION
 - Funding concerns within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to \$53,666.77. A motion is initiated to approve the funding as a package. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 5:29 PM