

Minutes for the University Enrichment Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 18th, 2013.

Present: David Andresen, Wayne Rickoll, Carl Toews, Sunil Kukreja, and Justin Tiehen.

Tiehen is selected to keep minutes. Minutes for the previous meeting are approved with minor corrections.

Announcements: (1) The Register Lecturer for the upcoming year will be decided at the next UEC meeting, on 5/3/13. The materials to review for making the selection are available in Jones 212. (2) A second round of Trimble awards has been approved by the UEC, via email.

New Business: (1) Much of the meeting is devoted to the Student Grant Subcommittee report. Each subcommittee member ranked some portion of the applications using a 0-3.0 scale with 0.5 increments. Averages for each application were then calculated, and a ranking of applications based on these averages was compiled. Some students who applied and were ranked had received McCormick awards, meaning that their research projects had already received full funding; these applications were consequently removed from consideration. The committee then chose thresholds for distributing funding: the upper tier of ranked applications were chosen to receive full funding, a middle tier of applications were chosen to receive partial funding, and the lower tier of applications were denied funding. The committee approved this distribution of funds.

(2) The UEC then discussed this year's CWLT celebration of scholarship. Earlier in the academic year, there had been discussion of whether the UEC should play a more active role in this event. At the meeting, it was decided that at this late date, UEC participation would not happen this year, but the UEC was interested in pursuing the matter next year.

(3) The UEC then discussed the committee's end of year report that would be submitted to the Faculty Senate, with a focus on recommendations for work that next year's UEC could take up. These recommendations included pursuing increased funding, further developing a faculty scholarship award, and continuing standardization for student and faculty grant ratings. In connection, there was discussion of how the grant application process could be streamlined, especially regarding the multiple applications that students now put together.

The committee thought that it would be worth discussing the matter with Andreas Madlung.

The meeting then adjourned.