

University Enrichment Committee (UEC)  
Minutes of January 25, 2006

Present: Derek Buescher, John Finney, Gregory Groggel, George Eriving, Lisa Johnson, Sunil Kukreja, Aislinn Melchoir, Eric Scharrer, David Smith, Ted Taranovski, Jerry Yonkman

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 pm.

M/S/P Approve minutes of September 7, 2005

Meeting Times

- A. Finney announced permanent meeting times for UEC subcommittees as follows:
1. Faculty Research Committee will meet Monday March 6 at 3:00 pm  
N.B. Faculty research proposals are due March 1.
  2. Student Summer Research Committee meets Friday March 31 at 3:00 pm
  3. Regular UEC Research Committee will meet March 9 and April 27 at 8:00 am
- B. The committee determined to meet in full February 22 at 3:00 pm to discuss Release Unit applications and March 29 to discuss the Register lecturer nominations with the caveat that if those nominated have materials to John Finney before the February 22 meeting the committee can cover both Unit Releases and the Register Lecture nominations on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. As of January 25<sup>th</sup> there were two nominations for the Register and both had submitted materials.

Current Monies

- A. Faculty Pool
- a. Finney related details on the 2005-2006 travel awards and funds remaining. As of January 25<sup>th</sup> the faculty travel funds contained roughly 40% of the yearly allotment and 48 travel awards had been granted. The average award was \$1025.00 a roughly \$100/per award increase over 2004-2005 (due in part to increase funds from the Budget Task Force to increase the hotel/food per diem and ground transportation allotments).
- B. Student Pool
- a. In 2004-2005 the UEC awarded 68 total grants for student research and travel of which 38 were travel.
  - b. As of January 2006 32 total grants had been awarded for AY 2005-2006 with the realization the majority of student travel occurs in the Spring of the AY.
- C. Taranovski asked a question about using research awards to purchase books. Finney responded that faculty could apply for such monies in the research grant

pool but upon completion of the project any materials purchased through grant monies (inclusive of books) would need to be turned over the University. Books would be placed in the Collins Library collection.

#### Laptop Use for Research

The UEC spent considerable time discussing the status of the UEC's laptop program. The University owns, via various sources, several laptops faculty may apply to use and "check out" from OIS for extended research and professional development—during sabbaticals, research trips, summer, etc. OIS manages six laptops—two of which, according to the official documentation, are maintained for short-term use (a maximum of 10 days) and four for long-term use. Any long-term use requires an application: details may be found at (<http://www2.ups.edu/dean/profdev/laptops.shtml>). OIS has maintained an informal program of granting faculty use of the laptops and oversight over the short-term use. Since the current laptops are aged and nearing the end of their days OIS inquired of the UEC to decide the status of the program. After significant discussion on potential use and needs of the laptops, potential personal or departmental acquisition of laptops for research Buescher made the following motion:

M/S/P: "The UEC will purchase two new laptop computers which will be marked as priority for long-term use. OIS will do what is possible to maintain old computers for short-term use. The UEC will reevaluate the program in AY 2007-2008."

Meeting adjourned shortly before 4 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Derek Buescher