

University Enrichment Committee Minutes
March 24, 2004

Jeff Matthews convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Misner Room of the Library.

Present were: Derek Buescher, Doug Edwards, John Finney, Lauren Hayslett, Jeff Matthews, John McCuiston, Amy Ryken, David Smith, Ted Taranovski, Jeff Tepper.

1. Approve Minutes of the February 11, 2004 Meeting

Minutes of the February 11, 2004 meeting were approved as written (motion: Smith, second: Tepper).

2. Select 2005 Register Lecturer

Six nominations were received for the 2005 Register Lecturer. Five of the nominated individuals submitted materials to the committee for consideration. The committee selected the 2005 Register Lecturer by ballot vote.

3. Consider Proposal to Revise Eligibility Requirements for Conference Participation and Faculty Research Grant Programs

The committee discussed expanding eligibility for conference participation and faculty research grant programs to visiting faculty who have been in full-time service at the University for at least three years. According to current guidelines, full-time three year assistant professor appointments are already eligible, thus this expansion involves a small number of faculty who are in year-to-year or extended visiting appointments. The committee agreed to revise the guidelines to expand eligibility (motion: Tepper, second: Taranovski) as proposed.

4. Whether Current Faculty Research Guidelines Allow for Web Site Development

The committee discussed whether the current faculty research guidelines allow support for web site development. A number of factors were considered: whether the website is a research tool or a publication venue, how the web site relates to the larger research project, the importance of peer review in establishing criteria for scholarly work, and web site access issues over a long time horizon. The committee confirmed that the existing guidelines would be used to evaluate all proposals. Proposals that include web site development will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in relation to the existing guidelines that emphasize research activities that result in a scholarly outcome.

5. Select 2003-2004 Dirk Phibbs Scholar

The committee reviewed the research of five faculty members who have used UEC research funding to complete scholarly projects. The committee selected the 2003-2004 Dirk Phibbs Scholar (motion: Taranovski, second: Matthews).

6. Review Status of Current Travel and Research Grants

John Finney reviewed the consumption of UEC travel funds for the 2003-2004 academic year. Twelve percent of travel funds are remaining, with 79 travels requests received to date (compared to 70 last year). \$3,000 remains in faculty research funds (over the \$35,000 balance carried year to year). At this point it is unclear whether there will be funds to fund all second trip requests. At a future meeting the committee will consider shifting excess funds from the research to the travel pool.

Jeff Matthews adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ryken
Secretary