

**University Enrichment Committee Minutes  
February 12, 2002**

Karl Fields convened the meeting at 10 a.m. in the McCormick Room of the Library.

**Present at the meeting were:** Bill Dasher, Joel Elliott, Karl Fields, John Finney, Jennifer Hastings, Priti Joshi, Martins Linauts, Paul Loeb, Jeffrey Matthews, Janet Pollack, Marianne Taylor, and Roberta Wilson.

Minutes of the UEC meeting on September 11, 2001 were approved.

UEC meeting times for the semester were set: the full committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays as needed, the Travel Committee will meet at 11 a.m. on selected Tuesdays, and the Research Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on selected Thursdays.

The committee then reviewed items on the Spring agenda:

1. current limit for international travel funding
2. funding of graduate and undergraduate student research
3. transcription services and student research grants
4. selection of the Register lecturer

There was a brief discussion of funding for international travel, an item left over from last year's agenda. Issues raised included whether the current limit of \$1280 should be raised and whether fully funding international trips should take priority over funding of first trips. The Committee decided to table the issue so that information collected by John Finney last year could be reviewed. It was later decided that the Travel Committee would discuss this issue at its next meeting. Information will be circulated prior to the meeting and anyone with suggestions or ideas can contact Karl Fields or John Finney.

The next item discussed was the issue of funding of undergraduate and graduate student research. There was a brief overview of the history of this issue. Although the funds were initially designed to encourage undergraduate research, a majority of the \$500 grants now go to graduate students who are applying in greater numbers than are undergraduates. A variety of questions were raised, including who was best qualified to evaluate the proposals given their specialized nature and high quality, whether some of the funds could be allocated to the graduate programs for distribution, how the application process could be made more efficient and competitive, and how to increase undergraduate student awareness of the grants. Karl Fields proposed that the Research Committee continue the discussion at its next meeting.

Martins Linauts proposed that discussion of the transcription services issue be postponed so that Juli McGruder could be invited to lend her perspective to the discussion.

Karl Fields turned the discussion to the Register lecture and commended John and Bonnie Selander for the fine job that they did with the previous lecture. Five faculty members have been nominated for 2003 and John Finney has asked these individuals to submit proposals by March 1st.

The Committee then reviewed and ranked ten proposals for release time units. Jeffrey Matthews excused himself because he was one of the applicants. The Committee's recommendations will be forwarded to Dean Terry Cooney.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Taylor