

Minutes of the University Enrichment Committee

September 11, 2001

John Finney convened the meeting at 9 a.m. in the Misner Room of the Library.

Present at the meeting were: Joel Elliott, Karl Fields, Priti Joshi, Martins Linauts, Paul Loeb, Jeffrey Matthews, Marianne Taylor, Carolyn Weisz, Roberta Wilson.

Karl Fields was elected chair by acclamation in his absence. Upon his arrival at 9:10, he assumed the duties of conducting the meeting.

By consensus, the committee decided to have a rotating secretary. Roberta Wilson volunteered to record minutes of today's meeting.

Selection of subcommittees was as follows:

Travel subcommittee: Bill Dasher, Joel Elliott, Karl Fields, Paul Loeb, Janet Pollock, and Marianne Taylor.

Research subcommittee: George Guilmet, Jennifer Hastings, Priti Joshi, Martins Linauts, Jeffrey Matthews, Carolyn Weisz, Roberta Wilson.

The full committee meeting time will be 8:00 on Wednesdays and will be called as necessary.

A discussion of the year's agenda and possible Senate charge took place. Roberta Wilson reported that the Faculty Senate had met the day before. The issues listed as deferred in the UEC's 2000-2001 final report will be coming as charges from the Senate. They included 1) to discuss funding of faculty International Travel and 2) funding of student research and conference participation. Linauts reminded the committee that the concern about student research stemmed from the number of applicants from the graduate programs in OT and PT and whether the funding for graduate applications should come from the same pool of money as that for undergraduates.

Some discussion was held regarding clarification and advertising of faculty stipends for student summer research as well as the funding of second trips at 50%.

The committee reviewed the 2001-2002 funding situation and the status of current travel and research grants. Finney related the recent history of the allocation of funds to the travel and research pools noting that it was really all from the same allotment. Last year \$80,755 was granted to 95 applications for travel. All second trip requests were funded at 100%. Nineteen thousand, one hundred ninety three (\$19,193) was awarded to thirteen research proposals. No proposals were denied. The UEC receives \$84,000 from the University's Operating Budget and has accrued \$35,000 from previous years' research pool. After much discussion it was decided that the existing guiding principles to finance all first trips and research should be maintained.

It was moved by Loeb and seconded by Joshi and unanimously passed by the committee that for 2001-2002, \$75,000 be designated to the travel pool and that \$9, 000 be reserved for research.

It was noted that this will leave the research pool with about \$50,000, \$9,000 from this year, \$5,000 from the Dirk Phibbs award and \$35,000 accrued from previous years.

Finney reported that of the 95 faculty travel awards, all but 4 or 5 of the reports were in and that most of the student summer reports were received.

Finally, the committee reviewed the upcoming 2001 Regester lecture and the schedule for selecting the 2003 Regester lecturer. Geoff Proehl is the lecturer this year, on Wednesday November 14, 2001 at 8:00pm in Kilworth Chapel. Fields, as UEC chair, will introduce this year's lecturer. Nagy is the Regester lecturer next year in 2002. The committee will solicit nominations for the 2003 lecturer, to be due February 1. The nominees will contribute information and support by March 1, after which the UEC will make a selection. Finney noted that the committee voted to carry over the applications from last year, as there were several very good candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Wilson