

University Enrichment Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM
Commencement Hall, Room 366

Member Attendees: Sunil Kukreja, Randy Worland, Mark Martin, Erin Colbert-White, Rachel Pepper, Terry Beck, Roger Allen

Secretary of the Day: Roger Allen

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 15, 2016 were approved.

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. Discussion of and Decisions Pertaining to Faculty Research Awards.

Six Faculty Research Award applications were discussed. After careful consideration of all applications, all six proposals were approved for funding. One project submitted a request for an amount in excess of the \$2,000 UEC funding cap. That project was approved for funding at \$2,000.

2. Faculty Research Rubric Draft Follow-up Discussion and Amendments to Faculty Research award application.

UEC members in attendance expressed that the draft rubric used to evaluate this current batch of Faculty Research Award applications worked very well and that we revise the online description and award application guidelines so as to parallel the evaluation elements used in the current draft rubric.

3. Devise a Plan for Handling Senate Charge 2: *Determine whether there is a need to establish a guideline for funding on-line public access publication fees. If a guideline is deemed necessary, create and publish the guideline.*

One of the six Faculty Research Award proposals reviewed during this meeting specifically requested funding to cover the online publication charge for a study accepted for publication. This proposal was approved for funding, following a discussion of the appropriateness of UEC funding going toward online journal publication fees. It was noted that the approved proposal was requesting funding for online publication in a prestigious high-impact journal (clearly not a "vanity press" entity), and that this was not an additional publication outlet for work that was already published (or being published) in another form.

The consideration of this proposal lead to a preliminary discussion regarding Senate Charge #2. Remaining meeting time did not allow full resolution of this charge, however, several points were raised. It was suggested that one guideline could be to prioritize start-up funds for new projects first and consider online publication fee requests on a funds-available basis. It was also suggested that the UEC consider establishing a separate funding cap for online costs. It was suggested that this discussion continue at the next UEC meeting, with the goal of establishing and publishing a guideline for UEC funding of online publication fees.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Allen