University Research Council
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Present: Nicole Bennett, Sarah Carmichael, Allan Duncan, Karen Fletcher, James Houser, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Christine Leist, Lucinda McCray, Gary McCullough, Maurice Meilleur, Amy Roberts, Karla Rusch, Iryna Sharaievska, Twila Wingrove, Alan Utter

Excused: Karen Caldwell, Neel Das, Caroline Smith, Robin Tyndall

Absent:

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Katie Howard

Alan Utter Fletcher calls the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from March 21, 2017. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: Spring 2017 URC AWARDS

• Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  o Cece Conway (English) – $2,992.96 - “Black Banjo Roots of Appalachia”
  o Ann Kaplan (Cultural, Gender, & Global Studies) - $4,309.43 - “Page 3 of 8 - Lost & Found Photography, Refugee Crises, and Privilege”
  o Jody Servon (Art) - $2,500.00 – “Creation of a Participatory Art Project and an Art Installation for a Solo Exhibition “
  o Kin Yan Szeto (Theatre & Dance) – $3,866.00 – “The Art of Crossing Cultures: Performing Literature in Chinese and American Perspectives”

• Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
  o Dinesh Paudel & Gregory Reck (Sustainable Development/Anthropology) - $4,724.00 – “The Politics of NGO Involvement in Post-Earthquake Reconstruction in Nepal”
  o Robert Perdue (Sociology) - $4,149.85 – “From Natural Resources to Prisons: Assessing the Social Impacts of Shifting Economic Dependence”
  o Elizabeth Shay (Geography & Planning) - $3,716.68 – “The Promise of Accessibility: Relationships Between Anticipated and Realized Travel of Residents of New Private Student Housing”
  o Jason Xiong & Dawn Medlin (CIS & SCM) - $4,070.00 – “ICT for Sustainable Development: Adoption Decision and Interventions of Small Businesses in the United States and China”

• Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  o Brooke Christian (Chemistry) – $3,902.07 – “Maturation of White Fat Cells is Inhibited by Increased Antioxidants in Mitochondria”
  o Cole Edwards (Geology) – $4,687.20 - “Did Oxygen-Poor Conditions (Anoxia) in Shallow Ocean Environments Cause The Late Devonian Mass Extinction?”
  o James Sherman (Physics and Astronomy) – $4,000.00 - “Sensitivity of SE US Aerosol Direct Radiative Forcing and Satellite-Based Aerosol Retrievals to Aerosol Vertical Distributions”
• Award recommendations from the Health review panel:
  o Rebecca Kappus (Health & Exercise Science) – $2,395.00 - “Sex Differences in Oxidative Stress and Implications on Vascular Function”
  o Edward Merritt (Health & Exercise Science) – $860.00 – “The Performance Data and Physiological Profile of an Elite Ultra-Endurance Cyclist Competing in the Race Across America (RAAM)”

• DISCUSSION
  o Funding concerns within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to $50,071.74

• Motion to approve funding as a package. Motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• Research – There will be three new URC members in the fall. Two are from RCOE College of Education and one is from the Hayes School of Music.
• Student Research – The 20th anniversary of the Celebration of Student Research and Creative Endeavors Meeting is April 27 from 9 am until 5 pm in the Plemmons Student Union. A reception is on April 26 at 5:30 pm in Whitewater. There are 191 presentations total and the awards ceremony begins at 1:15 pm on April 26. Becki Battista is OSR’s Interim Director effective July 1st. The URC congratulates her.
• Grants Resources and Services – GRS is working with Gary McCullough and Nicole Bennett on a survey about research collaborations. Ongoing workshops include a weekly writing circle proposals and a fellowship webinar with Hanover. GRS receives grant from NCURA that will begin in June.
• Sponsored Programs – March stats are online. The eRA process is slowly moving forward. NC State is conducting an internal review to determine if they will join the eRA process. Most likely AGrants will remain for another two years. Ten years is standard for a data import to the new eRA system, but this is not yet final.
• Research Protections – New hire Shante’ Mathes will be working with IACUC and IBC programs.
• Special Funds Accounting – Amy Roberts wins the election to be the treasurer of SRA International’s North Carolina chapter. The URC congratulates her.
• Other – Sarah Carmichael is a fellow in the Explorers Club. This is a significant accomplishment and the URC congratulates her.

As this is his last URC Meeting, Alan Utter thanks members for their service on this important campus committee. It has been his pleasure to work with the members to voice research concerns and convert them into policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm