University Research Council  
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Present: William Baker, Becki Battista, Karen Caldwell, Sarah Carmichael, Susan Doll, Allan Duncan, Karen Fletcher, James Houser, Charna Howson, Christine Leist, Gary McCullough, Amy Roberts, Karla Rusch, Robin Tyndall, Alan Utter

Excused: Alecia Jackson, Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce, Chris Yang

Absent: Susan McCracken

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Katie Howard

• Alan Utter calls the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2016. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: Spring 2016 URC AWARDS

• Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  o Sarah Beth Hopton (English) - $4,000 - “Communicating the Science of Agent Orange”
  o Ray Miller (Theatre & Dance) - $2,700 - “The Congress on Research in Dance: A History”
  o Xiaofei Tu (Languages, Literatures, & Cultures) - $4,370 – “Japanese War Museums and the Politics of Memories”
  o Lauren Waterworth, Andrew Heckert, Travis Dovovan (Geology, Art) – $1,689.54 - “Building the First Life-size Reconstruction of an Aetosaur in North America: Restoring the Extinct Fossil Reptile Gorgetosuchus”

• Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
  o Kara Dempsey (Geography & Planning) - $2,217.65 – “Safe Spaces” Post-Conflict Zones and the Geography of a Divided City (Belfast, Northern Ireland)”
  o Robert Eskridge, Kathryn Webb (Government & Justice Studies) - $4,656 – “Addressing the Gender Gap in City Managers: What Attracts and Retains Women and What Difference Does It Make for Governing?”
  o Emily Lakey (Communication Science & Disorders) - $3,845.62 – “Supporting Social and Academic Success in College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder”
  o Robert Norris, Kevin Mullinix (Government & Justice Studies) - $4,712.50 – “Race, Wrongful Convictions, and Support for Capital Punishment”
  o Dana Powell (Anthropology) - $4,997 – “Indigeneity, Electricity and Water: Ethnographic and Global Perspectives on Diné and Maori Natural Resources”
  o Tracy Smith, Lindsay Masland (Curriculum & Instruction, Psychology) - $3,619 – “Appalachian and Baltimore: Raising Awareness and Safety for Everyone (RAISE) Program”

• Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  o Jennifer Cecile (Chemistry) – $4,943.37 – “Probing Pharmaceutical Transporter Protein Binding Dynamics with Fluorescent Labels”
• Tonya Coffey, Suzanna Brauer (Physics & Astronomy, Biology) – $5,000 “Adapting Antimicrobial Nanoparticle Coatings for Use on Climbing Wall Holds: a Pilot Study”
• Jennifer Geib (Biology) – $4,965.60 - “Can Metapopulation Dynamics and Gene Flow Buffer Mountain Bumble Bees from Direct and Indirect Impacts of Climate Change?”
• Richard Gray, Brad Conrad (Physics and Astronomy) - $4,000 – “A High Altitude Balloon for Astronomical Research”
• Abigail Stickford (Health and Exercise Science) - $3,050 – “A Comparison of Neural Cardiovascular Control in Physically Active and Sedentary Young Women”
• Maggie Sugg (Geography & Planning) - $3,394.30 – “Personal Monitoring of Occupational Heat Exposure: An Environmental Participatory Sensing Study”

• DISCUSSION
  o Budget issues within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to $62,160.58
  o Motion to approve funding as a package. Motion passes.
  o Alan thanks panel members for the difficult job in reviewing the applications.
  o Karen asks members for feedback from panel members regarding the review process itself. The Spring Break timing of the review is difficult. Members like the spreadsheet form and summary that initiates discussion of the applications. There are more applications being submitted and more applications are collaborative; even between faculty of different colleges. Is creating a new review panel called Health warranted? If the new panel is created, all URC members will be serving on a review panel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Grants Resources and Services: Two people attended the NSF workshop. Is there a better way to get the word out about workshops? URC members can help market workshops. Three travel grants were awarded. There were seven limited submissions this semester. The collaboration survey is in its final draft and is expected to be released in the Fall.
• Sponsored Programs: – It is busy. There are lots of proposals. Monthly reports are not posted yet, but there is already $13.6 million awarded and it will hit 14 million before year end. Charlotte’s job, a re-written Grants Manager, is not posted yet. Stephen’s job, a re-written eBusiness Technician and Grants Manager, will need to be posted.
• Student Research: There were 170 presentations and posters on Research Day. Over 53 travel grants were awarded, which is an increase from last year. An OSR student is posting on Instagram, featuring “a day in the life of a research student."
• Office of Research: UNC GA re-organization dissolved VP for Research and hired a new person. It is unknown how exactly services will be performed and by whom. Centers and Institute policy will be addressed and voted on in the Fall as not enough feedback was received. The Chair of the Faculty Senate states that of the its two URC appointments, Fine & Applied Arts would like to have one guaranteed for the Fine Arts, and one for Applied Arts that are elected by faculty.

Alan thanks members for their service. It is critical.
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm