University Research Council
November 15, 2016
Approved

Present: Nicole Bennett, Sarah Carmichael, Karen Fletcher, James Houser, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Christine Leist, Lucinda McCray, Gary McCullough, Maurice Meilleur, Amy Roberts, Karla Rusch, Iryna Sharaievska, Caroline Smith, Twila Wingrove

Excused: Karen Caldwell, Neel Das, Robin Tyndall, Alan Utter

Absent: Susan McCracken, Allan Duncan

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Monica Molina

Karen Fletcher calls the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2016. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: Fall 2016 URC AWARDS

• Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  o Frankie Flood (Art) – $4,959.00 - “3D Printed Prosthetic and Adaptive Device Development”
  o IlaSahai Prouty (Art) - $2,456.43 - “Electroformed Copper, Powdered Glass and Screenprinting”
  o Scott Relyea (History) - $3,047.60 – “Learning to be Colonial: ‘Effective Occupation’ and Early Twentieth Century Chinese Settlement of Eastern Tibet”
  o Jennifer Snodgrass (Music) – $2,248.60 - “Bridging the Gap: Stories from the Field”

• Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
  o James Joy (Recreation Management & Physical Education) - $1,273.68 – “Promoting Nature-Based Play Therapy: The School Counselors’ Perspective”
  o Newly Paul (Communication) - $2,500 – “Correcting Misperceptions of Political Bias: Does Thematic Coverage of Gender Bias Reduce Perceptions of Sexism in Politics?”
  o Paul Wallace (Leadership & Educational Studies) - $4,086.26 – “Social Robots as Conversation Partners for Students with Classroom Anxiety”
  o Wendy Winn, Jennifer Gray, Joe Cazier (English, Communication, CARE) - $3,248.79 – “Tying Up Loose Ends: Understanding the Pink Ribbon”

• Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  o Megan Culpepper (Chemistry) – $4,068.41 – “Determining the Structure of an Enzyme Involved in Climate Regulation by X-ray Protein Crystallography”
  o Mary Kinkel (Biology) – $4,973 “Development of an in Vivo Model to Study Intestinal Motility Disorders”
  o Dieter Weber (Chemistry) – $4,935.77 - ”The Development of Microwave-assisted Diels-Alder / [3,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangement Cascade Reactions”
o Andrew Windham (Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment) - $2,550 – “Designing Better Buildings: Comparing Virtual Reality Experiences to Actual Buildings Spaces”

• Award recommendations from the Health review panel:
  o Hessam Ghamari (Applied Design) – $2,644.54 – “Quality of Life in Assisted Living Facilities: Identification of the Outdoor Attributes as Influential”
  o Carolyn Huffman (Nursing) – $4,380.64 “Lifestyle Modification in the Management of PCOS Related Infertility: Patient and Provider Perspectives”

• DISCUSSION
  o Funding concerns within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to $49,672.72

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm