University Research Council  
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Approved

Present: Gabriel Casale, Neel Das, Charna Howson, Allan Duncan, Lucinda McCray, Karen Fletcher, James Houser, Julia Pedigo, Iryna Sharaievskaya, Gary McCullough, Amy Roberts, Caroline Smith, Becki Battista, Jeff Ramsdell, Elisabeth Cavallaro, Tracy Goodson-Espy, and Nicole Bennett

Excused: Alicia Jackson, Maurice Meilleur, Robin Tyndall

Absent: Twila Wingrove

Guests: Katie Howard

Jeff Ramsdell called the meeting to order at 4:00 ET.

MINUTES Julia Pedigo made a motion (seconded by Lucinda McCray) to approve the minutes from October 17, 2017. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: Fall 2017 URC AWARDS

- Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  - Jennifer Westerman (Sustainable Development) – $1,915.62 – “Landscapes of Labor: Class, Pecarity, and Environmental Justice in Appalachian Literature”
  - Elizabeth Carroll (English) - $3,865.98 – “Women of the Grateful Dead”
  - Maurice Meilleur (Art) - $1,706.36 – “Principles and genealogy of modular type”
  - Jill Ehnenn (English) - $3,445.08 – “Infamous Forms: Victorian Drunkards, Dandies, and Forgeries”
  - Andrea Cheeseman - (Music) – $4,000.00 – “Somewhere: Recording project”

- Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
  - Anatoli Ignatov (Sustainable Development) - $4,327.28 – “Who Owns the Land? Power, Belonging, and the Remaking of History in Ghana”
  - Mary Stolberg (Accounting) - $2,404.24 – “North Carolina’s Unheralded Role in the Federal Income Tax”
  - Rebecca Witter (Sustainable Development) - $4,867.00 – “Rhino Poaching, Poverty, and Resettlement in Mozambique’s Limpopo National Park”
  - Sandi Lane (Nutrition & Health Care Management) - $3,686.04 – “Hazard Vulnerability Assessment for Nursing Homes in the Southeastern US”
  - Brock Stoddard & Abhijit Ramalingam (Economics) - $2,600.00 – “Does reducing inequality increase cooperation?”

- Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  - Aruna Weerasinghe & Dale E. Wheeler (Chemistry) – $1,300.00 – “Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Fluorescent Eu3+ Complexes for the Detection of V-Type Nerve Agents”
• Award recommendations from the Health review panel:
  o Adam Hege (Health & Exercise Science) – $2,500.00 – “Food insecurity and other health challenges in a rural North Carolina community: What are the environmental and cultural barriers and what can be done?”
  o Alan Needle (Health & Exercise Science) – $4,000.00 “Stimulating the Cortex to Rehabilitate Injury-induced Plasticity (SCRIPT)”

• DISCUSSION
  o Funding concerns within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to $50,000.00
  o Julia Pedigo made a motion (seconded by Caroline Smith) to approve the funding as a package. Motion passes unanimously.
  o Gabriele Casale suggested that the URC consider a rolling deadline which NSF has piloted and found that the number of submissions goes down and the quality of the submissions goes up. Jim Houser asked that we discuss the merits of full funding versus partial funding. Nicole Bennett agreed. These topics will be on the agenda for the January 2018 URC meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Lucinda McCray made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm