University Research Council  
Appalachian State University  
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**Present:** Les Bolt, Scott Collier, Joe Cullen, Eva Gonzales, Pollyanne Frantz, Charna Howson, Edelma Huntley, Megan Johnson, Denise Martz, Susan McCracken, Ray Miller, Amy Roberts, Lisa Runner, Karla Rusch, Amauri Serrano, Reeves Shulstad, Susan Staub, Julie Taubman

**Excused:** Ed Brewer, David Dickinson, Lynn Gregory, Holly Hirst, John Krumrine, John Pine, Kellie Reed-Ashcraft, Alan Utter

**Absent:** Bill Bauldry, Joseph Cazier, Kristan Cockerill

Dr. Huntley called the meeting to order. It was moved (Frantz) and seconded (Roberts) that the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Announcements from Dean Edelma Huntley:**

- The Provost Search committee is reviewing search firms and meeting with various administrative, faculty, and student constituencies. There will be two open forums to solicit feedback from faculty and staff, “What do you expect in your next Provost?” Forums are scheduled for Tuesday, December 7 in IG Greer Auditorium and Wednesday, December 8 in Price Lake of the Plemmons Student Union. Both begin at 3:30 p.m.
- URC members are encouraged to share the position description with colleagues.
- Dr. Huntley asked the URC think about putting together a bulleted list of what the URC expects, in relation to research, in the next provost.
- ASU will receive $961,068 from UNC-General Administration to purchase research equipment for five projects.
- Dr. Gonzales is the only volunteer to date for a task force to study the development of review rubrics for evaluation of URC proposals. Dr. Lynn Gregory will lead the task force.

**Announcements from Sponsored Programs – Charna Howson**

- There are $11.1M in awards for the first quarter as compared to $17M for last year. There were 121 proposals submitted totaling $24M; 40 more proposals are in progress. Workload is up in OSP. PIs are looking at more competitive projects and submitting to sponsors that allow F&A.
- The new monthly report format provides 3 fiscal years of comparative data. The current FY is year-to-date information, and prior years show year-end totals.
- This fall OSP provided 2 budget workshops and 1 contract language workshop.

**Announcements from Proposal Development – Pollyanne Frantz**
• The Bob Porter workshop, “Writing Successful Grants,” had 21 participants. This event was sponsored by UNC-Charlotte.
• Sponsored Programs and Proposal Development will hold a question/answer session on November 19 from 9-10:30 in Room 421 of the Library. A second will be held on December 3 from 9-10:30 in the same location.
• On November 30 there will be a GRC web conference featuring the NSF Major Research Instrumentation program officer. Deadline for concept papers is extended to December 3. NSF limits institutions to 3 proposal submissions.
• “New Faculty and Researcher” workshop to be held on January 14 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (snow date January 21).

Announcements from Research Protections – Julie Taubman
• Ms. Taubman and Dr. Collier attended a Biosafety and Biocontainment workshop at UNC-C sponsored by the NC Association for Biomedical Research. ASU will develop a biosafety policy for recombinant DNA research, necessary for NIH funding.
• Ms. Taubman, David Jamison (Controller’s Office), and Marty McCormick (Office of International Education & Development) are meeting to try to streamline procedures for international travel by combining the travel authorization, international insurance, and export control process.
• Ms. Taubman and Dr. Huntley will attend the Chancellor’s Cabinet to present the proposed Radiation Safety Manual.
• Dr. Huntley attended a meeting of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. As Chief Research Officer, Dr. Huntley feels that ASU has much to accomplish in order to meet compliance in the research arena.

University Research Council Awards, 2010-11. 36 proposals totaling $156,133 were received. Funding available for Fall: $50,000.

Recommended for Funding

Arts and Humanities: $16,908
Ilasahai Prouty (Art): Blown Glass Component Development for Sculpture and Installation @ $4,700
Lynn Duryea (Art): Research, Generation and Documentation of Mixed Media Sculpture @ $3,830
Ryan Jones (History): "Finns and Fins" Ch.3 of A History of Whaling in the Russian Empire @ $4,198
Rosemary Horowitz (English): The Legacy of Yiddish Women Writers @ $4,180

Social Sciences: $14,426
Melissa Gutschall (Nutrition & Health Care Management): Evaluation of a Nutrition Intervention Targeting Food Choices among Pre-Adolescent Children in Watauga County @ $4,507
Susan Keefe (Anthropology) and Lisa Curtin (Psychology) Appalachian Illness Narratives of Depression @ $4,996
Vachel Miller (Leadership & Educational Studies): An investigation of child labor law enforcement in Northern Uganda @ $4,923

STEM: $20,783
David Dickinson (Economics) and Scott Collier (Health, Leisure & Exercise Science): The effects of moderate exercise on behavioral outcomes @ $2,250
James Houser (Technology): Biogas Potential of Plant Biomass and Food Wastes @ $4,941
Jeff Colby (Geography and Planning): Water Quality and Land Cover Relationships in the New River Basin @ $4,992
Richard Gray (Physics & Astronomy): The Young Solar Analogs Project @ $3,600
James Sherman (Physics & Astronomy): Initial Studies of Aerosol-Precipitation in the Southern Apps @ $5,000

It was moved (Bolt) to fund the 12 recommendations of the review panels totaling $52,117 in awards. Motion carried unanimously.

Items of discussion:
1. Web clarification of persons eligible to apply for URC grants.
2. Kudos to the panels for their reviews and recommendations.

January meeting: Mr. Mike Grady will discuss dissemination as it relates to faculty in Art.

Motion to adjourn (Bolt).