University Research Council
November 20, 2012
(Approved January 15, 2013)

PRESENT: Edelma Huntley, Pollyanne Frantz, Holly Hirst, Denise Martz, David Dickinson, Les Bolt, Ray Miller, Karla Rusch, John Pine, Randy Gonzalez, Susan Staub, Betsy Williams, Cynthia Liutkus, Bill Bauldry, Julie Taubman, Denise Levy, Charna Howson, Amy Roberts, Kim Hall, Eva Gonzales

EXCUSED: Joseph Cazier, Susan McCracken, Lisa Suggs, Anne Fanatico, Scott Collier

ABSENT: Christine Leist, Alan Utter, Jeff Ramsdell, Ged Moody,

- Edelma Huntley calls the meeting to order

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from the October 16, 2012 meeting. Motion passes

NEW BUSINESS: Fall 2012 URC AWARDS

- Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  - Joseph Gonzalez (Interdisciplinary Studies) - $3,200 - “Inventing Cuba: The American Empire in Cuba, 1898-1902”
  - Thomas Hansell (Appalachian Studies) – $2,509 - “After Coal: Welsh and Appalachian Mining Communities”
  - Ila-Sahai Prouty (Art) – $2,500 - “Meaning through Repetition: Blown Glass Multiples and Monoprints”

- Award recommendations from the Social Sciences review panel:
  - Tatyana Ruseva (Government & Justice Studies) - $4,987 – “Land Conservation and Social Capital in South-Central Appalachia”
  - Chris Osmond (Leadership & Educational Studies) - $4,957 – “Narrative Pedagogy in Education of Undergraduate Students in the Caring Professions”
  - Diane Mines (Anthropology) - $4,817 – “Forest Knowledge in Tamilnadu, India”
  - Kristan Cockerill (Interdisciplinary Studies) - $4,590 – “Public Attitudes about Water Management in Western North Carolina”

- Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  - Jeff Holcomb (Government & Justice Studies) – $1,585 “Greening North Carolina’s Prison System: An Interdisciplinary Investigation”
  - Howard Neufeld and Ted Zerucha (Biology) – $4,308 - “Differential Gene Regulation as a Factor Affecting Sensitivity of Soybean Cultivars to Ozone”
  - Guichuan Hou (Biology) - $2,000 – “Study of the Root and Lateral Root Development in the Fern Ceratopteris Richardii”
  - Pete Soule (Geography & Planning) - $3,000 – “Growth responses of ponderosa pine to warming climatic conditions along elevational gradients in the Northern Rockies, USA”
- James Sherman (Physics & Astronomy) - $4,000 – “Improved Estimates of Aerosol Direct Radiative Effects in the Southeastern U.S.”

**DISCUSSION**
- The Arts & Humanities review panel still struggles with how to best handle funding for arts research and installation expenses
- Fundability of proposals requesting travel for non-ASU personnel hinges on what the other institution(s) contribute to the research
- URC funds cannot be used for dissemination (includes conference expenses and publication costs)
- Student personnel salaries may range from minimum wage to $15.00 per hour

**OLD BUSINESS: UNC-GA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**
- The proposed $2-5M research fund would be for the entire UNC system, not for each campus
- Funding would be spent on initiatives that could benefit the largest number of campuses
  - Library digitization may be worth considering
- Regionally responsible research – think about how ASU fits into the equation.
  - Regional economic and sustainable development
- Continue to brainstorm and send ideas to Edelma Huntley by next Friday (11/30)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- URC retreat will be held in January
- Campus wide research discussions should have been ongoing and College feedback should be available at the end of the semester. URC will be engaged moving forward
  - Discussion about ASU’s directions, challenges and opportunities
- Advertisement for the Vice Provost for Research position not yet finalized
- Faculty interested in participating in the April 5th Humanities Symposium should contact Kim Hall
- Update on REI/URC collaboration
  - $10,000 to allocate for spring 2013 competition
  - Open to all disciplines but must involve renewable energy and have direct applicability to ASU’s campus
  - Proposal review will be conducted by URC members with relevant expertise and one representative from the REI

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:07
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Report from Dr. Pollyanne Frantz, GRS Director

Initiatives:

- The Grantwriters Education Series, a hands-on interactive series of seven workshops designed to take participants through the proposal development process, focused on locating and evaluating funding opportunities at the second session.
- Frantz and Amy Love continue to work on the implementation of REACH NC.
- Two awards were made through the BIG Idea grant program.

Other Activities:

- Limited submission competitions currently open:
  - ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards
  - NSF Major Research Instrumentation

Upcoming events:

- “Competing for Funding from the NSF” webinar (Nov. 5)
- “Competing for Funding from the NIH” webinar (Dec. 3)

For a complete listing of events, see http://orsp.appstate.edu/events/orsp
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Announcements

- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved a standard operating procedure for investigating allegations of noncompliance: researchprotections.appstate.edu/sites/researchprotections.appstate.edu/files/IRB%20SOP%20Non-Compliance.pdf

Coming Events

- November 13 and 16, GRAM Sessions on Responsible Conduct of Research, Julie Taubman
- November 20, IRB meeting (November 6 is the deadline for receiving IRB requests for full board review for this meeting)