University Research Council
April 23, 2013
(Approved September 17, 2013)

PRESENT: Edelma Huntley, Bill Bauldry, Les Bolt, David Dickinson, Anne Fanatico, Charna Howson, Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce, Denise Martz, Ged Moody, John Pine, Jeff Ramsdell, Kellie Reed-Ashcraft, Amy Roberts, Susan Staub, Julie Taubman, Betsy Williams

EXCUSED: Christine Leist, Holly Hirst, Joseph Cazier, Kim Hall, Pollyanne Frantz, Ray Miller, Susan McCracken, Tracy Goodson-Espy

ABSENT: Alan Utter, Karen Caldwell, Karla Rusch, Lisa Suggs, Randy Gonzalez, Scott Collier

CALL TO ORDER: Edelma Huntley called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from the March 19, 2013 meeting. Seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: SPRING 2013 URC AWARDS

• Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  o Shawn Arthur (Philosophy & Religion) - $4,973 – “Lived Religions in China”
  o Scott Ludwig (Art) - $3,894 – “Large Format/Digital/Experimental Printmaking Processes: Artist Residency at Kala Art Institute, Berkley, CA”
  o Jennifer Snodgrass (Music) - $3,531 – “Contemporary Musicianship: Analysis and the Artist”

• Award recommendations from the Social Sciences review panel:
  o Michelle Flippin (Communication Sciences & Disorders) - $4,000 – “Fathers’ Participation in Language Intervention for Children with Autism: Understanding Involvement, Uncovering Barriers, Identifying Needed Supports”
  o Terence Milstead (Geography & Planning) - $2,622 – “Reading the Writing on the Walls: Links between Urban Graffiti, Gentrification and Other Socio-Demographic Trends in Quito, Ecuador”
  o Dana Powell (Anthropology) - $4,800 – “Landscapes of Power: Energy Development of the Navajo Nation”
  o Kyle Thompson and Melissa Gutschall (Nutrition & Health Care Management) - $4,540 – “Formative Research to Identify Priority Areas for Development of a Rural-Focused Interdisciplinary Simulated Practice Model for Training Dietetic Interns”
  o Cameron Lippard and Tim Smith (Sociology & Anthropology) - $4,676 – “Textures of Hardship: Assessing Mexican Immigrant Economic Conditions and Strategies for Coping with Poverty in Southern Appalachia”
• Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  o Jamie Levine (Geology) - $5,000 – “Characterization of the nature of the fault bounding the Tallulah Falls Dome, northeast Georgia”
  o Michael Madritch (Biology) - $4,988 – “Development of Hyperspectral UAV Platform for Forest Canopy Research”
  o James Houser (Technology & Environmental Design) - $4,991 – “A Low-cost, farm-scale Biogas Digester for Cold Climates”
  o Edward Merritt (HLES) - $4,794 – “Prolonged Skeletal Muscle Catabolism Following Severe Burn Injury: Role of Systematic and Local Muscle Inflammation on Genetic and Molecular Mediators of Skeletal Muscle Mass”
  o Andrew Heckert (Geology) - $1,370 – “Analyzing Aetosaurs from Argentina: An International Triassic Paleontology Project”
  o Pamela Lundin (Chemistry) - $2,035 – “Development of New Suzuki Polymerization Conditions Suitable for Boron-Containing Thiophene Monomers”
  o Lynn Siefferman (Biology) - $3,674 – “Mate Choice for Personality in Eastern Bluebirds”
  o Jennifer Zwetsloot (HLES) - $3,493 – “The Acute metabolic Response to Energy Deficit”

• DISCUSSION
  o Total recommended funding is $65,522
  o Motion to accept funding recommendations. Seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04.
Initiatives:

- The Grantwriters Education Series, a hands-on interactive series of seven workshops designed to take participants through the proposal development process, met March 22 for a session on proposal submissions.
- Frantz and Amy Love continue to work on the implementation of REACH NC.
- Frantz continues to serve as a mentor in the National Organization of Research Development Professionals Mentoring Program.
- Love is working with the Humanities Council Coordinator and graduate assistant to facilitate access to humanities-related funding opportunities through the Humanities Council website.
- Frantz successfully completed the Certification Examination for Pre-award Research Administrators in February. The Pre-award Research Administrator Certification is valid for five years. The examination was administered by the Research Administrators Certification Council, a private, independent, nonprofit organization that develops and administers the voluntary certification program. Frantz received a Love of Learning Award from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to pay the examination fee.

Other Activities:

- Faculty consultations:
  - Frantz: 6
  - Love: 3
  - Frantz/Love: 3
- Internal funding opportunity faculty review coordination:
  - Microgrants Program
- Miscellaneous:
  - NC A&T State University colleague Nora Shively visited Grants Resources & Services to learn about office structure and functions. Shively also attended the Appalachian Women Scientists recently-tenured faculty meeting.

For a complete listing of events, see http://orsp.appstate.edu/events/orsp
• Frantz attended the 68th Annual Meeting of the ORAU Council of Sponsoring Institutions in Oak Ridge, TN
• Love created the web page for the Vice Provost for Research candidate CVs and campus visit schedules
• Frantz chaired the March meeting of the University Research Council.

- **Events:**
  - Graduate Student Workshops on Grant Proposal Writing (2 sessions; Mar. 20 and 29 / 13 participants)
  - Appalachian Women Scientists recently-tenured faculty meeting (Mar. 4 / 9 participants)
  - Campus visit from Dr. Steve Roberts, University Partnerships Specialist, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (Mar. 22 / 41 participants).

**Upcoming events:**

- First Fridays: "Multi-Generational Perspectives: How They Interact and Impact Service to Students and Their Families in an Age of Highly-involved Parents" featuring Dr. Andrea Wawrzusin, University Registrar (April 5)
- Research Café: “Meu Bi’lavad Comunidade (My Beloved Community): Musical and Cultural Exchange through Scholarship and Performance in Brazil” featuring Mr. Keith McCutchen, Hayes School of Music (April 12)
- Hayes School of Music Faculty and Graduate Student Workshop on Finding Travel Funding (April 12)
- Grantwriters Education Series Session #7: Project Management (April 19)
- Grant Proposal Writing workshop for faculty as part of “The Successful Scholar: Increasing Writing Productivity Retreat” (May 22).

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Items of Note

- Year-to-date submission and award information through the end of March is available on the Web at http://www.orsp.appstate.edu/awards. A summary follows:
  - 192 proposals have been submitted requesting $28,099,802.
    - The number of proposals submitted are consistent with FY 2012 numbers (down by only 7 submissions).
    - Dollars requested still remain 50% below the cumulative values for FY2012 (down $27,560,037).
  - 116 awards have been received totaling $7,538,981
    - The number awards received is down 31% (-52)
    - Dollar values dropped another 2% to a 4% decrease over FY2012 (- $411,863).

- Conflict of Interest - The director of Sponsored Programs met with the Chair of the COI Council and General Council staff to review progress on the new electronic submission and monitoring system.

- System Metrics -- The trial economic impact report for General Administration has been submitted to General Administration. The report team, which includes the director of Sponsored Programs, will meet again in April to review input garnered from an April meeting at General Administration and to initiate plans for the FY2013 report.

- The directors of Sponsored Programs and Special Funds Accounting continue to meet with Human Resources to design a training program for those involved with proposal review and management. Upon completion program participants will receive a certificate signed by both Human Resources and the Chief Research Officer.

- Sponsored Programs continues to see an increase in sponsor activity relative to overdue interim and final reports. The implementation of Event Tracking in AGrants is proving to be a useful tool in this area, but it relies on Sponsored Programs staff to manually log into this tool, monitor events, and notify faculty of reports that are due. As a member of the Standards Advisory Board for end users, the director of Sponsored Programs is advocating for automated e-mail alerts to be sent from AGrants to both staff and PIs when actions are needed. Jessi
Announcements

- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Exempt Review and Determination Process [http://researchprotections.appstate.edu/sites/researchprotections.appstate.edu/files/IRB%20SOP9%20Exempt%20Review%20Determination.pdf](http://researchprotections.appstate.edu/sites/researchprotections.appstate.edu/files/IRB%20SOP9%20Exempt%20Review%20Determination.pdf) which describes the criteria for exemption, the review procedure, and when a modification to an exempted study needs to be reviewed by the IRB to confirm exemption.
- The IRB approved a list of [PI Responsibilities](#) for human subject research

Coming Events

- April 9, Institutional Biosafety Council meeting
- April 16, IRB meeting
- April 17-18, Research Protections staff attend training with UNC-CH IRB staff and an IRBIS (IRB Management system) meeting at UNC GA.