**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 19, 2013**  
(Approved Feb. 18, 2014)

**Present:** William Baker, Becki Battista, Les Bolt, Joseph Cazier, Pollyanne Frantz, Charna Howson, Susan McCracken, Amy Roberts, Karla Rusch, Susan Staub, Julie Taubman, Alan Utter, Betsy Williams, Chris Yang

**Excused:** Bill Anderson (for Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce), Kim Hall, Tracy Goodson-Espy, Edelma Huntley, Christine Leist

**Absent:** Randy Gonzalez, Ged Moody, John Pine, Lisa Suggs, Gwen Robbins-Schug, Jeff Ramsdell

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<th>Dr. Pollyanne Frantz called the meeting to order in the absence of Dr. Huntley.</th>
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| 2 | Announcements | • Sponsored Programs (Howson) reported that there is a file-naming bug in the AGrants system. When applicants delete files and then upload same-name files, the system keeps the old version instead. PIs should use a version or number annotation for now to upload the file. UNC-Chapel Hill is working on the fix.  
• Research Protections (Taubman). 1) Chapel Hill has been helpful establishing an IACUC data base. 2) A meeting of the IP Council will be scheduled to discuss intellectual property disclosures. 3) Jennifer Chrisohon from General Counsel will meet with James Webb, new Chief Information Security Officer, to discuss HIPAA compliance on campus, survey guidance. 4) IRB reviews are becoming more complex. We are working with General Counsel on the need for medical oversight on administering drugs and to determine what drugs are subject to oversight.  
• See the reports from Grants Resources and Services and Sponsored Programs (Attachments 1 & 2). |
| 3 | Process Clarification Requested | Dr. Staub gave an example of a Spring 2013 proposal rejection because the final report on an award from several years ago was not submitted. The report was submitted prior to the Fall 2013 submission deadline, so the proposal was eligible for consideration. It was suggested that the URC discuss implementation of a moratorium before resubmission. Dr. Bolt helped draft a similar policy at another institution. It was suggested a policy be developed for future funding cycles. |
Dr. Frantz noted that the proceedings of the meeting will be recorded.

It was moved (McCracken) and seconded (Baker) that the minutes of the October 15 meeting be approved. Dr. Frantz called for the question. Motion carried unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

5 URC Applications Fall 2013

Dr. Frantz asked if any members needed to recuse themselves from discussion of review panel recommendations. No request was made.

Each of the three review panels constitutes a subcommittee. The three subcommittee chairs are Susan Staub (Arts and Humanities), Karla Rusch (Social Sciences), and Becki Battista (STEM). Dr. Frantz requested a motion to approve the funding recommendations as a package: STEM 2 full funding, 3 partial funding; Arts and Humanities 3 full funding; Social Sciences 1 full funding, 3 partial funding. The maximum amount of funding available is $50,000. Recommendations are less than the amount available. By fully funding the partial recommendations by the STEM panel, this brings us to $44,301.26.

MOTION: It was moved (Bolt) and seconded (Baker) to accept the recommendations of the review panels.

AMENDED MOTION: It was moved (McCracken) and seconded (Baker) to fully fund as follows: 5 STEM, 3 Arts and Humanities, and 4 Social Sciences.

Dr. Frantz called for the question. Motion to approve the panel recommendations as modified during discussion with full amounts provided for STEM and Social Sciences, Business and Education panels. Motion as amended carried unanimously. None opposed. One abstention (Frantz).

STEM (5 totaling $24,563.46)

- Ahmed, Maryam (Biology), “Alteration of prostate cancer metastasis by vesicular stomatitis” @ $5000
- Carmichael, Sarah (Geology), “Critical intervals between critical transitions: geochemistry of Late Devonian mass extinctions” @ $4,995
- Liutkus-Pierce, Cynthia (Geology), “A place AND time: numerical age dating of the Engare Sero human footprints (Tanzania)” @ $4,595
- Seagle, Steven (Biology), “Evaluating the Distribution
of Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases in the Urban-Suburban Landscape of Mecklenburg County, N.C.” @ $4,975.14
- Smith, Caroline (HLES), “Cardiovascular Adaptations with Heat Treatment Pre- and Early-Stage Type 2 Diabetic Humans” @ $4,998.32

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES (3 totaling $11,778.70)**
- Harbinson, William (Music), “Five for two to five: chamber music of William Harbinson,” @ $4,780
- Kirkpatrick, Kathryn (English), “Enraptured Space: Gender, Class, and Ecology in the Work of Paula Meehan,” @ $1,998.70
- White, Jason (History), “ Merchants of the Levant: England and the Islamic World, 1581-1754” @ $5,000

**SOCIAL SCIENCES (4 totaling $13,642.80)**
- Becnel, Kim (LES) & Moeller, Robin (LES), “North Carolina public library summer reading programs: uncovering the motivations of participants and non-participants” @ $1,341.40
- Burnham, Kevin (LLC), “Using distributional learning to improve perception of second language phoneme contrasts” @ $3,800
- McGee, Jennifer (C&I) & Werts, Amanda (RCOE Dean’s Office), “Data Use in Rural School Districts: Understanding the NC Final Exams” @ $3,564
- Pollard, Carol (CIS), “A comparison of types of project, program and portfolio managers’ skills and competencies and perceived corporate support at each level across industry sectors” @ $4,937.40

Total Awards Funded = $49,984.96

Three proposals were deemed ineligible: two were submitted after the noon deadline and the third applicant has an existing URC award. URC members are requested to encourage applicants to meet the deadline.

Dr. Utter suggested that the application ask whether the applicant will accept less than requested.

Notification letters will be sent by Dr. Huntley in mid-December. Please keep results confidential until applicants are notified.

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Initiatives:

- Additional faculty profiles will be added to the REACH NC expertise database during the next few months with the help of a new Research Publications tool, which harvests faculty members’ publication records from public websites and faculty CVs.
- Appalachian Women Scientists (AWS) Seed Grants and Travel and Dependent Care Grants (3 Seed Grants awarded / 2 Travel and Dependent Care Grants awarded).
- Frantz and Love have absorbed pre-award program management of the REI/URC and URC grants programs (application processing and review coordination).

Other Activities:

- Faculty consultations/meetings:
  - Frantz: 2
  - Love: 4
- Student consultations/meeting:
  - Frantz: 1
  - Love: 0
- Internal grant program processing:
  - Appalachian Women Scientists Seed Grants program
  - REI/URC Grants Program
  - URC Grants Program
- Limited submission funding opportunity faculty review coordination:
  - Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award
  - Oak Ridge Associated Universities Travel Award
- GRS Director (Pollyanne Frantz) activities:
  - Frantz is collaborating with UNC colleagues to develop content for the North Carolina Training Consortium, a resource to augment local training programs and materials (July -)

For a complete listing of events, see [http://orsp.appstate.edu/events/orsp](http://orsp.appstate.edu/events/orsp)
• GRS Assistant Director (Amy Love) activities:
  o Love managed the migration and subsequent troubleshooting of several
    AsULearn sites from the old version to the new version
  o Love is serving as Staff Senate Secretary.

• Events:
  o First Fridays: “Abandoned Houses & Their Invented Narratives: Recent
    Mixed Media Quilts” featuring Ms. Jeana Klein, Associate Professor of Art
    (Oct. 4 / 22 participants)
  o New Faculty and Researcher Workshop (Oct. 15 / 2 participants)

**Upcoming events:**

• First Fridays: “Water Sustainability Defies Solutions” featuring Dr. Kristan
  Cockerill, Assistant Professor in the Department of Cultural, Gender and Global
  Studies (Nov. 1).
• Developing a New Research Agenda (Spring 2014 TBA)

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