University Research Council  
November 18, 2014  
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Present: William Baker, Karen Caldwell, Susan Doll, Pollyanne Frantz, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Christine Leist, Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce, Gary McCullough, Ged Moody, John Pine, Jeff Ramsdell, Amy Roberts, Gwen Robbins-Schug, Karla Rusch, Susan Staub, Robin Tyndall, Alan Utter, Johnny Waters, Betsy Williams, Chris Yang

Excused: Becki Battista

Absent: Susan McCracken

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Administrative Support Specialist, Office of Research, and Mary Feamster, Graduate Assistant, Grants Resources & Services

- Alan Utter calls the meeting to order

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting. Motion passes

NEW BUSINESS: Fall 2014 URC AWARDS

- Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  - Janet Kemper Beck (Learning Assistance Program) - $1,500 - “Who Writes History And Why Should We Care”
  - Benito del Pliego (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) – $3,726 - “Edition of Juan Larrea’s Luz Iluminada Manuscript”
  - IlaSahai Prouty (Art) – $4,999.21 - “Powder Printing On Glass”

- Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
  - Elizabeth Cramer (Belk Library) - $3,503 – “Room to Read and Read Global: The Impact of International Library Development in Nepal”
  - Ellen Lamont (Sociology) - $4,830 – “The Mating Game: Women, Men, and Courtship in an Era of Gender Upheaval”
  - Denise L. Levy (Social Work) - $3,653.30 – “Bisexual Individuals with a Christian Upbringing: Resolving Conflict Between Sexual Identity and Religious Beliefs”
  - Iryna Sharaiaesvksa (Recreation Management and Physical Education) - $4,899.58 – “Strategies Used By Youth, Their Families and Recreational Youth Programs to Address Cyberbullying”

- Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  - Ellen A. Cowan (Geology) – $4,829.07 – “Tracking Coal Ash Spilled into Rivers in Tennessee and North Carolina using Magnetic Methods”
  - Richard O. Gray (Physics and Astronomy) – $2,933 “Dark Sky Observatory Telescope Automation for the Young Solar Analogs Project”
o Andrew B. Heckert (Geology) – $4,915.65 - “Obtaining Big Rewards From Small Fossils – an Automated Wet Sieving Apparatus”
o Peter T. Soule (Geography and Planning) - $4,564 – “Are the Effects of Changing Artic Sea Ice Extent and Temperature Recorded in Tree-ring records of High-elevation Conifers?”
o Yu-Ju (Mandy) Wu (Technology and Environmental Design) - $5,000 – “Spot Color Matching Capability of Digital Package Prototyping and Short-run Packaging Production”

• DISCUSSION
  o Budget issues within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to $49,867.30

• Motion to approve funding as a package with an amendment for Pollyanne Frantz to use the remaining $132.70 as needed for budget adjustments due to calculation error. Motion passes with Frantz abstaining
• Utter advises that funding will be held if IRB or IACUC approval is required

OLD BUSINESS: URC AWARD RUBRIC

• Susan Doll asks members for feedback and to meet with a representative from each panel. William Baker, Christine Leist and Jeff Ramsdell volunteer.
• Initial feedback suggests trouble applying the rubric for some disciplines while for another it helps to establish dialog. The rubric does not make allowance for fatal flaws and members question its benefit when it is applied across the panels.
• Utter recommends to improve rubric based on the feedback collected and pilot it again for Spring 2015 awards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Amy Love is the proud parent of a baby girl. Love and baby are well.
• An executive summary of the HRP Consultant’s report will be submitted by Alan Utter. Utter hopes to use the report as leverage to obtain additional personnel assistance.
• The recommended candidate for the Director of Research Protections is currently with the Provost for review. Approval is required to make an offer of employment to the candidate.
• Alan reports that he toured the space above where the Lucy Brock Child Development Lab Program is located. The cost to renovate the space is very high, partly due to an elevator being required. No legislative support is expected. Discussions will continue to assess feasibility.
• A scope of work from Huron Consulting has been received. If submitted questions are answered satisfactory, ASU will likely enter into a contract with Huron to assist in strengthening ASU’s case to raise its indirect rate. For every percent increase, an additional potential revenue of $100,000 is projected.
• Two out of eight applications for the Faculty Reassigned Time for Proposal Development grant program have been awarded for Spring 2015.
• The Chancellor’s Cabinet has placed the innovation campus taskforce on hold pending a land use assessment of the former Broyhill Inn and Conference Center property.

• A record number of ASU students will be attending and presenting at the North Carolina State Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium – second only to the host campus of NC State. Alan encourages all to attend on Saturday, November 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm