University Research Council  
November 17, 2015  
Approved January 19, 2016


Excused: Susan Doll, Alecia Jackson, Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce, Chris Yang

Absent: Susan McCracken

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Katie Howard

- Alan Utter calls the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from October 20, 2015. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: Fall 2015 URC AWARDS

- Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:
  o Jessica Blackburn (English) – $4,991.31 - “Wine Rhetorics of Appalachia”
  o Cara Hagan-Gelber (Theatre & Dance) - $3,150 - “Exploring the Effects of Cultural Reassignment in Dance”
  o Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand (Languages, Literatures, & Cultures) - $1,590.70 – “Medieval Literature on Display: Memory, History, and Re-Imagining Germany in the Nibelungenmuseum in Worms”
  o Tricia Treacy (Art) – $1,752 - “Design Inquiry Fellowship”

- Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:
  o Hessam Ghamari (Applied Design) - $4,986.79 – “Examining Eye Fixation during Wayfinding in Unfamiliar Healthcare Environments”
  o Cameron Gokee (General Education) - $4,912 – “Bandafassi Regional Archaeological Project”
  o Angela Losardo (Communication Sciences & Disorders) - $3,849.60 – “Theatre and Therapy: An Exploratory Pilot Study”
  o Maureen MacNamara (Social Work) - $1,276 – “What Does It Take To Take Your Dog To Work”
  o Wendy Winn (English) - $3,300 – “Assessing Public Perception of the Pink Ribbon”

- Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:
  o Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce (Geology) – $4,995 – “Monkeys and Apes, Living Together? What Factors Made Loperot (Kenya) a Unique Environment in the Early Miocene?”
  o Lynn Siefferman (Biology) – $5,000 “Proximate Endocrine Determinants of Behaviors that Facilitate Rapid Range Shift of Tree Swallows ”
  o Jonathon Stickford (Health & Exercise Science) – $4,898 - “Respiratory Limitations, Exercise Tolerance, and Exertional Dyspnea Following Acute Electronic Cigarette Use”
  o Robert Swarthout (Chemistry) - $4,960 – “Measuring and Predicting Changes in Self-Cleansing Capacity of the Atmosphere”
• **DISCUSSION**
  o Budget issues within applications have been addressed bringing the total suggested funding amount to $49,661.40

• Motion to approve funding as a package. Motion passes.
• Utter advises that funding will be held if a budget revision is needed or if IRB or IACUC approval is required

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• Grants Resources and Services: 25 searches have been completed, 7 searches are in progress, decision expected first week in December for NSF MRI, scheduling workshops (writing circle, undergraduate, nursing, and ApplyYosef)
• Sponsored Programs: October reports have been posted, buyout policy will move to Chancellors Cabinet after minor revisions
• Research Protections: GA wants rulemaking comments by December 4
• Special Funds Accounting: No state audit and no federal audit findings by state auditor
• Student Research: NC meeting in High Point ASU had the largest group of 114 presentations (students are connecting and networking amongst themselves), abstracts are due December 2nd for the national conference at UNC Asheville in April
• Office of Research: RIEEE search has 3 candidates for interim director, John Pine retires by 1/1/16, director external affairs and community relations interviews commence and Alan is on search committee, indirect rate calculation with Huron Consulting continues, 32% is lowest of UNC, hoping for 1-3 % increase, each level of 1% gives $100k of potential funding

Alan thanks members for their service.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm