Research and Creative Activity Committee Proposal Review Meeting
11/20/15

In attendance: Vahid Lotfi, Annie Whitlock, Rajib Ganguly, Erin Kingsley, Maria Schell, Barbara Kupferschmid via Blue Jeans, Shelby Newport

Future meetings and deadlines scheduled: Business meeting January 11 at 12:30 with lunch, call for proposals will go out January 18, proposals due February 24, Proposal review meeting March 11, start lunch at 12, business at 12:30

Vahid opened meeting with introductions at 12:27.

1. National search planned for Office of Research Director position
   a. hopeful for new hire by March or April
   b. search committee will receive copy of posting for review
   c. search committee will be comprised of faculty, one or 2 ORSP staff, possibly staff from other unit

2. International Travel funds
   Items discussed at meeting today, send email responses to Shelby and Vahid
   a. Should we continue international travel funds?
   b. Should it continue to be first come, first serve?
   c. Some sort of competitive process?
      i. split into two competitions, half and half, Fall/Winter
      ii. should there be unit participation?
         1. 25/75 split suggested
      iii. develop criteria for scoring proposals
      iv. online submission system, with proposal reviewed via Blackboard
      v. require follow-up, possible Research Spotlight, or other presentation on campus
      vi. possible lifetime limit per proposer

3. Provost has additional funds for research budget
   Items discussed at meeting today, Maria to create draft form and guidelines for discussion and editing before January 11 business meeting
   a. summer research grant
   b. priority tenure-track, followed by Associates who are preparing for their next promotion
   c. max $7,000 for summer research
   d. must show potential for external federal funding
   e. initiate as soon as possible, January or February
   f. consider editing rubric, extra point for potential for external federal funding that is defined in proposal
   g. do not want to eliminate faculty development portion of RCAC
   h. additional call instead?
   i. suggested to move Winter call to early to mid-January, if incorporating the summer research grant
3 categories, RCAC, Bryer, and Summer Research grant, all reviewed at one time?

Summer Research grant intended for salary at this time, ~ 7,000-10,000

form to allow for selection of RCAC, Bryer, and Summer Research category?

Need to address proposal writing skills, and how we will support faculty in developing their writing skills

a. Hope that ORSP, with new direction, will lead the way in developing helpful skill building support
b. open to the idea of providing more resources to ORSP to help provide grant writing support
c. need to assess current workshops and offerings

Scheduling Winter business meeting

a. Rajib’s sabbatical replacement is Matt Fahner
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Suggested offering samples of funded proposals at forum, or make them otherwise available

Proposal Summary

Proposal C Examining the Current and Potential Economic Impact of the Flint Farmers’ Market Move from Earth and Resource Science, funded at $15,308

Proposal D The effects of neck muscles strength, size and quickness in reducing head impact and its implications on concussion risk from Physical Therapy, RCAC $9,925 Bryer Fund $10,000

Proposal F Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining the Professional Development Needs of Practicing Teachers in Inclusive Settings from Education, fully funded at $16,724

Proposal I A Cloud Based and Community Aware Virtual Learning Infrastructure for STEM from Computer Science, Engineering and Physics; supported for funding at $11,774 with clarification by November 30

Proposal E Developing Strategies and Conducting Aerial Surveys to Locate Invasive Feral Swine in Michigan from Biology, supported for funding at $17,100 with response to questions by November 30

Proposal A A computational modeling of nanographene/epoxy composite using molecular dynamics simulations from Computer Science, Engineering, and Physics; revise and resubmit in Winter

Proposal B “Assisting the Struggle”: The Impact of White Anti-racist Instruction in Academia from Social Work, not funded

Proposal G Participatory Urban Democracy: Levels of Institutionalization in Master Planning Processes in Flint and Detroit from Sociology, revise and resubmit in Winter, potential for Provost’s fund

Proposal H Fault Management Framework for Service-oriented Systems from Computer Science Engineering, and Physics; revise and resubmit in Winter, potential for Provost’s fund