Research Committee Meeting  
Minutes (Draft)  
March 9, 2012 - 11:15 a.m.-12:10 PM  
Science Complex, Room 200

Members present: Ann Nalley, Dennis Frisby, Mohammad Tabatabai, Ali Soylu, and Anton Wohlers

Members not attending: P.K. Das, Mary Dzindolet

1. The Meeting was started on time at 11:15 a.m.

2. Approval of last meeting’s minutes
   The minutes of the January 27, 2012 meeting were distributed and read. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Proposals:
   a. *Fourier Analysis and Discrete Fourier Transform in Signal Processing* by Wayne M. Eby
      Due to time sensitivity, approved by the committee via e-mails.

   b. *Modeling of Genetic Drift and Diffusion through Computer Simulation* by Wayne M. Eby
      The Research Committee members discussed the grant proposal and, similar to one of the previous grants submitted by Dr. Eby, acknowledged that the proposed research provides an excellent opportunity for the selected student to get involved in and learn about actual research in the area of computer modeling in population genetics. Ultimately, involvement in this project will strengthen the student’s future professional career and Dr. Eby’s continuing involvement in this research area. Convinced that this project will be of great benefit to the student, the faculty, and Cameron University, the committee members recommended funding the project without any restrictions.

   c. *Summer REU Support for CCICADA, RIPS LA or MTBA* by Nitesh Verma and Wayne M. Eby
      The Research Committee members discussed the grant proposal and pointed to major concerns. Foremost, the committee members emphasized that the proposed project does not fall under the purview of the Research Committee. While it asks for funding to support undergraduate research, that research would not be conducted on the campus of Cameron University. As a result, any potential research results would not be published through Cameron University. With that in mind, the committee members recommended to not fund the project.

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d. *Discovery, Purification, and Characterization of Antifungal Chitinases from Plants* by Tahzeeba Hossain

The Research Committee members discussed the grant proposal and were very impressed by the quality of the proposal and the potential positive spillover effects of the research project in terms of research results and the pursuit of external funding in the future. Moreover, given the relatively short time Dr. Hossain has been at Cameron University, support of this project would serve as an excellent way encouraging and sustaining the faculty’s research endeavors. Accordingly, the committee members recommended funding the project without any restrictions.

e. *Women in Port: Gendering Communities, Economics, and Social Networks in Atlantic Port Cities 1500 – 1800* by W. Douglas Catterall

The Research Committee members discussed the grant proposal and noted the impressive research record of Dr. Catterall. Moreover, the research committee also discussed the fact that Dr. Catterall has already secured additional external funding for the publication of this book project. Given the merit of the proposed project as well as the possibility to further strengthening Cameron University’s reputation in this important research area, the committee members recommended funding the project without any restrictions.

4. **Proposals, if any, in addition to those above**
   None

5. **New item(s), if any**

   Continued discussion about the barriers in regards to external grant writing, counting independent studies credit hours, and changing the name of the committee to Research and Grantsmanship Committee

6. **Date for next meeting**
   Second week of April (Friday)

7. **The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.**