Research Committee Meeting
Minutes

October 26, 2012 - 3:30 - 5:00 PM
Science Complex, Room 200


1. The meeting started on time at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval of last meeting’s minutes
   The minutes of the April 20, 2012 meeting were distributed and read. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Deliberations
   The committee reviewed and made recommendations regarding the following grant proposals:

   1) **Proposal**: Pop Culture in the Francophone World and its Influence in the United States – Bailargeon - $2,615.51
      - **Recommendation**: The Research Committee members discussed this grant proposal in detail and acknowledged that it only involves some research elements. Furthermore, given that the proposed project mostly focuses on the study of French pop culture and the knowledge derived can be incorporated in a class or a study abroad project, the committee recommended to **not fund the project**. The committee agreed that this grant proposal is more appropriate for consideration by the Teaching and Learning Committee.

   2) **Proposal**: Analysis of the Spread and Prevalence of Antibiotic-Resistant Fecal Bacteria Among Wild Animal Population of Bison and Longhorn Cattle in the Wichita Wildlife Refuge – Frisby - $4,000.00
      - **Recommendation**: The Research Committee members discussed this grant proposal in detail and unanimously acknowledged its research merit for both Cameron University and the students to be involved in the project. With the goal to provide data as to the prevalence of antibiotic-resistant microbes in wild animal population in the Wildlife Refuge, this study may serve as a stepping stone for a better understanding of how non-therapeutic use of antimicrobials in agriculture may impact the natural environment. Though the committee members encourage to Dr. Frisby to also include a clear dissemination plan in the project, the committee recommended to fund the project without restrictions.

   3) **Proposal**: Early Intervention for Pre-Literacy Skill Development in Collaborative Pre-Kindergarten Settings – Hilbert – $1,175.00
      - **Recommendation**: Similar to the grant proposal submitted by Dr. Frisby, the Research Committee acknowledged the research merit of this project for Cameron University. Building on existing research that deals with determining the effectiveness of an early intervention curriculum supplement for pre-school children
identified as being “at risk” for delays in literacy development, this proposed research project will allow Dr. Hilbert to continue and expand her research efforts. With that in mind, the committee members recommended to fund the project without restrictions.

4) **Proposal:** West Meets East: A Creative Exploration of the Convergence of Hindustani and Western Classical Music Systems and Traditions in the Twenty-First Century – Labe - $2,000.00
   - **Recommendation:** The Research Committee enjoyed discussing this grant proposal in terms of both its scholarly significance and creativity. With the goal to explore the increasing convergence and cross influences between Hindustani, an extremely complicated form of music, and Western Classical music, this project will allow Dr. Labe to continue his important scholarly work. As such, the committee members recommended funding the project without restrictions.

5) **Proposal:** Value Conflict in American Public Opinion – de Voltair - $2,500.00
   - **Recommendation:** The Research Committee members discussed this grant proposal in detail and acknowledged its importance in the area of public opinion research. The subscription of the iPoll, which includes major public opinion datasets used by researchers in political science, will allow Dr. de Voltair, a recently hired Assistant Professor, to expand his research focus and apply the knowledge derived in the relevant political science classes. The committee members recommended funding the project but strongly encourage Dr. de Voltair to involve a student in carrying out the research project.

6) **Proposal:** On the Brink of Civil War: The U.S. Congress in the Secession Crisis – Stegmaier - $2,726.40
   - **Recommendation:** As with many of the research project by Dr. Stegmaier, the Research Committee members discussed the grant proposal and acknowledged the impressive track record of Dr. Stegmaier. Though this proposed project will continue to strengthen Dr. Stegmaier’s publication record, the committee members also acknowledged that there is a history of the same project proposal. This caused some discussion in favor and against funding the project as well as an assessment of the funding request. Ultimately, the committee members recommended funding this project with the following restriction: Funding of the project is limited to 60% of the total amount requested (i.e. $1,635.84).

4. **Development of Royalty Policy**
   The Office of Academic Enrichment will investigate the availability of royalty policies used by other universities in the state and share the results with the committee meetings during the next meeting.

5. **Date for next meet**
   TBD during the fall semester

6. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**