Research Committee Meeting
October 3, 2014 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Aggie Room, Shepler

Minutes

Members present: Drs. Terry Conley, William Carney, John Morris, P.K. Das (Chair), and Dr. Wohlers.

1. The meeting started on time at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of last meeting’s minutes
   The minutes of the October 4, 2013 meeting were distributed and read. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Internal Research Updates and Assessment
   The Director of Academic Enrichment informed the committee members about the major trends of research grant submissions over the past six years in terms of: 1) number of submissions; 2) amount requests; and 3) use of funded projects in the areas of scholarly activities, publications, conference participation, student involvement in project, and use of funding as seed money for external grant opportunities.

4. Deliberation/recommendation on eight submitted proposals:

   I. Proposal: Fluid Flow Path and Pathogen Transport and Removal within Typical Landscaping Soils – S. Youngblood - $17,669.10
      o Recommendation: The Research Committee members discussed this grant proposal in detail and unanimously acknowledged that it satisfies the research grant guidelines. In addition to the potential of obtaining external funding for this research project in the future, the committee members also acknowledged establishment of connections between the newly established CU Engineering Program and local businesses and involvement of students. However, the members also agreed that some of the resources requested to carry out the project already exist on campus. Accordingly, the committee recommended partial funding of the project ($3,600).

   II. Proposal: The Role of Regulatory Focus in Emotion Perception – A. Randell and J. Seger - $3,920.00
Recommendation: The Research Committee members discussed this grant proposal in detail and unanimously acknowledged that it satisfies the research grant guidelines. Given the research project’s potential for creating new knowledge and the involvement of students to carry out the project, the committee recommended funding the project without restrictions.

III. Proposal: Genetic Analysis of Antibiotic Resistance in Fecal Bacteria from Wild Animal Populations of Bison and Longhorn Cattle in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge – D. Frisby - $3,421.00

○ Recommendation: The Research Committee members also discussed this grant proposal in detail and unanimously acknowledged that this project also satisfies the research grant guidelines. The research project has the potential for external funding and also seeks student involvement. However, some of the supplies can be obtained at a slightly cheaper price. Accordingly, the committee members recommended partial funding of this project. ($3,200)

IV. Proposal: Longitudinal Study of Disparities in Lung and Bone Cancer Mortality Rates between White and African American/Black in the U.S.A. – J. Kenwoung-Keumo - $3,378.70

○ Recommendation: The Research Committee members discussed this grant proposal in detail and acknowledged that this is an excellent research project that deserves funding. As with the previous studies, this research has the potential to garner external funding and it also involves a student research assistant. Accordingly, the committee members recommended funding of this project without restrictions.

V. Proposal: Customer Compliant Behavior Towards Cell Phone Providers – D. Steyn – $2,400

○ Recommendation: The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail and its implications in terms of its scholarly significance. The research proposal addresses an increasingly important research area in marketing with a specific focus on Southwest Oklahoma. In doing so, the project also addresses some of the important aspects of Cameron University’s Plan 2018. Accordingly, the committee members recommended funding of this project without restrictions.

VI. Proposal: The Piano in Parisian Musical Life – T. Labe - $2,250.00

○ Recommendation: The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail and its scholarly implications. The committee members noted the creative scholarly approach pursued by this project and the potential for future publications. While the committee members did not note any major shortcoming of the proposal, Dean Underwood (see attached Memo) suggested taking into account the current research in this area and specifying a research question. With that in mind, I recommend funding of the project with the following provisions: 1) take into account existing research literature and 2) specify a research question.

VII. Proposal: Commissioning and Performance of New Composition – G. Hoepfner - $1,700.00

○ Recommendation: The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail and agreed that it meets the relevant criteria of scholarly activities within the context of the relevant grant guidelines. Accordingly, the committee members recommended funding of this project without restrictions.
VIII. **Proposal: Infectious Disease and Migratory Birds: Integrating Models and Dynamics of Trans-American Migrants** – M. Husak - $964.00
   o **Recommendation:** The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail and its implications. As with some of the previous proposals, this research project has the potential to garner future external funding in an important research area. Moreover, the principle investigator continues to involve undergraduate students in his research. Accordingly, the committee members **recommended funding of this project without restrictions.**

IX. **Proposal: Understanding Classroom Learning Environments Among At-Risk College Students** – S. Garrett - $880.00
   o **Recommendation:** The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail. With a focus on understanding classroom environment at Cameron University within the broader context of our top 30 classes, this project has the potential to yield useful findings. Furthermore, it also involves a student to carry out the project. Accordingly, the committee members **recommended funding of this project without restrictions.**

X. **Proposal: Using Gamification Concepts to Teach Algebraic Concepts (Math Dungeon).** – U. Faghihi and D. Aguilar - $4,694.00
   o **Recommendation:** The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail and determined that it does not clearly meet the research grant criteria. Instead, the project seems to be more applicable within the context of an Innovative Instructional Grant. Accordingly, the committee members **recommended not to fund this project.**

XI. **Proposal: International Jazz Festival Camp.** – A. Stonerock - $1,150.00
   o **Recommendation:** The Research Committee discussed this grant proposal in detail and determined that it does not clearly meet the research grant criteria. Instead, the project seems to be more applicable within the context of an Innovative Instructional Grant. Accordingly, the committee members **recommended not to fund this project.**

5. **New item(s):** Suggestion to review proposal guidelines within the context of strengthening external grant writing.

6. **Date for next meeting:** TBD

7. **Meeting adjourned** – 1:55 p.m.