

## **NOTES**

### **Research Grant Committee Meeting**

May 5, 2009

Members Present:

Nancy Tate, Chair

John Francis

Matt Arterburn

Tracy Routsong

Martha Imperato

Nancy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She then informed the committee that these applications are for the new FY2010 fiscal year. At the present time, there are no anticipated reductions in the budget for FY10 internal grants. The budget for research grants for the year is anticipated to be \$50,000. The committee received a total of three major research grant applications for a total of \$18,532 and five small research grant applications for a total of \$28,457.30. (However, Marguerite Perret submitted the same proposal in both categories and will withdraw her application from one of the categories if her grant application is funded).

The Major Research Grant sub-committee met and reviewed three applications. The Committee felt all were worthy of funding; although they recommended limiting the amount of funding for Merkel's proposal to transportation to and from the research location and a maximum of \$100/day for expenses. The Major Research Grant committee prioritized the applications as follows:

Ashworth                      Priority 1  
Perret and Merkel      Tie – Priority 2

The following is a summary of the applications and the approved grant awards.

#### **MAJOR RESEARCH**

**ASHWORTH:** Requested funds in the amount of \$6,650.30 for research project, "Restoration of Diverse Tallgrass Prairie Plant Communities." Discussion ensued regarding the fact that this research project may require expenses incurred in FY11. Application awarded partially in the amount of \$5,850.30 (After discussion with the applicant, the \$800 in expenses which would be incurred in FY11 were eliminated.)

**PERRET:** Requested funds in the amount of \$5,000 for research project, "The Waiting Room: A Multi-Media Art Installation." The Committee agreed to fund this proposal under the following conditions:

1. The exhibit must have a showing in Topeka (preferably at Washburn University) and the campus must be notified when it is being exhibited

2. At all showings of the exhibit, Washburn University should be recognized for its contribution to the project.

Application awarded conditionally in the amount of \$5,000.

MERKEL: Requested funds in the amount of \$10,000 for research project, "Jefferson, Slavery and the Law." As indicated previously, the Major Research Grant Review committee recommended reduction of the grant amount to include only transportation to and from the research location and a maximum of \$100/day for expenses. The Research Grant Committee agreed with this recommendation.

Application awarded partially in the amount of \$6,882.

#### SMALL RESEARCH

DING: Requested funds in the amount of \$470 to purchase music composition software. Application awarded in the amount of \$470.

HUNT/LALONDE/DYE: Requested funds in the amount of \$3,000 for research project, "Collaboration in Teacher Preparation: Developing Common Goals and Outcomes for Preservice Teacher Fieldwork and Student Teaching."

Application awarded in the amount of \$3,000.

KAPUSTA-POFAHL: Requested funds in the amount of \$3,000 for research project, "Nothing of Consequence? A Reconsideration of the Status of Feminist Scholarship in/on Czechoslovakia in the Socialist Era."

Application awarded in the amount of \$3,000.

PERRET: Requested funds in the amount of \$3,000 for research project, "The Waiting Room: A Multi-Media Art Installation."

This application was withdrawn from consideration since Perret was awarded a major research grant for the project.

WATERS: Requested funds in the amount of \$455 for research project, "Training Parents to Implement Research-Based Reading Interventions to Their Children During the Summer Months."

Application awarded in the amount of \$455.

Total amount of funds awarded was \$24,657.30, leaving a remaining balance of \$25,342.70 available to be awarded this coming fall.

The Committee discussed the fact that an unusual situation had arisen this academic year with a significant amount of money returned from grants which had been awarded but were unable to be used. The Committee recommended that faculty be notified of the limited amount of remaining funds which are available for allocation if the money can be expended by June 30. Nancy agreed to send an allfaculty e-mail message to faculty and the joint internal grant committee members will meet virtually to review any applications received.