

The Faculty Senate Research Committee met on March 25 and April 11, 2024

March 25 meeting

1. Dr. Carl Mummert was invited to attend to discuss faculty grant compensation and potential changes to university policies. The Current 2019 policy (UPAA-17) no longer address the university needs.

Dr. Mummert led discussions on faculty grant compensation and policy adjustments at the university meeting (The Current 2019 policy, UPAA-17, no longer address the university needs).

Current policies and practices, are deemed insufficient, leading to a discussion on grant usage, incentives, and limits. Concerns arose regarding indirect fund misallocation and unrealistic grant expectations post-R2 status elevation.

Efforts to enhance pre-award support through MURC were acknowledged. Attendees stressed the need for flexibility and realistic grant targets aligned with institutional capacities, advocating for fair and effective grant distribution practices. Details can be obtained in the minutes of the meeting posted on the Faculty Senate web page.

2. The award status was discussed as well as the future deadlines:

- i. Quinlan: 18 applications overall. COEPD (1), COB (5), COLA (6), CAM (3), CECS (2), COHP (1)
- ii. Research Scholars: 5 applications overall. COLA (4), CECS (1)
- iii. Summer: COLA (5), COB (1), CAM (2), LIB (2), COS (2)
- iv. Three applications were returned for requesting the wrong amount of money.

3. Deadlines for the next series of awards was set.

- i. Quinlan: April 1
- ii. Summer Research: March 30
- iii. Research Scholars: April 1

4. Policies and practices

- i. Request for awardees reports implementation after completion of the project/travel.
- ii. Discussions about changes in form used for applications is ongoing.
- iii. Some aspects of quality control may need to be included in the selection process.

April 11 meeting:

The meeting's primary goal was to finalize the selection of recipients of the Quinlan, Research Committee, Research scholar and Summer scholar's awards. Note that the final decisions for awarding funding considered the tenure and ranking status (a priority factor was implemented towards junior faculty and instructors who provided high quality applications).

After a final vote, the results are as follows:

Quinlan (Budget = \$6275.00)

25 applicants a requested total of \$12,255.00.

11 applicants received an award for a total of \$5,500.

Carryover: \$775 toward the round.

Research Committee (Budget = \$1250.00)

3 applicants for a requested total of \$600. All three were awarded the full amount requested.

All applicants received an award for a total of \$600.00.

Research Scholar (Budget = \$1250.00) –

8 applicants for a requested total of \$1,550. (note that one budget was adjusted to match the awarding criteria)

All applicants received the maximum of their request up to \$250.00 for a total of \$1,550 (the additional \$300.00 came from money left over from a different account).

Summer Scholars (Budget – \$68,800)

45 applicants for a requested total of \$75,750.

36 applicants received an award for the full amount requested.

6 scholars received an award with a partial funding of \$1,175 each. Total amount awarded was \$68,800.

Details related to the selection of award recipients can be obtained in the minutes of the meeting soon to be posted on the Faculty Senate web page.