**Senate Committee Annual Report**

Senate Committee: Faculty Development Committee Year 2014-15

1. What are the primary duties of this committee?

The FDC reviews Carpenter I and II grant applications, determines awardees and allocates funds based on ranking of the applications. We also handle any questions that arise related to award allocations or eligibility for the grants. In addition, the FDC generally reviews Professional Development Grant applications as well, but this year there were no funds for PDGs due to contract negotiations.

2. What did you plan to accomplish this year?

We planned to meet each term, review Carpenter I and II grant applications, determine awardees and allocate funds based on ranking of the applications, and discuss any questions from applicants or awardees.

3. What did the committee accomplish during this academic year?

In the Fall, the Faculty Development Committee met twice to first go over Carpenter II expectations and then determine awards for the Fall round of Carpenter II grants. We recommended to Faculty Senate $8300 be awarded to 16 faculty members in amounts ranging from $450-$750.

In the Winter term, we met once to determine awards for Carpenter I grants. We recommended to Faculty Senate $13,844 be awarded to 7 faculty members in amounts ranging from $344-$3000.

In the Spring, we met once to determine awards for Carpenter II grants. We recommended to the Faculty Senate $6,490 be awarded to 12 faculty members in amounts ranging from $300-650.

4. What issues and/or additional responsibilities arose this year that influenced the work of the committee?

In the Fall, we discussed considering faculty rank as a factor in our decision making, but the committee decided that rank should not be a factor. Instead, the quality of the application based on the established criteria was foremost. We may, however, take into account the number of previous awards in cases of ties (ie, give the award to the faculty member with fewer previous awards).

In the Winter, we agreed to remove the summer stipend maximum for Carpenter I grants, and decided that course releases will not be included as a Carpenter I granting option.

In the Spring, we clarified the intention of Carpenter I grants by replacing the words “new scholarship” with “new aspects of scholarship and creative endeavors.” We denied a faculty request to use Carpenter II funding for a different conference than was originally proposed.

5. Given what you have learned this year, what goals do you recommend

this senate committee focus upon in the upcoming year?

Our goals are to continue evaluating, ranking and distributing funds for Carpenter I and II grants. We also plan to return to evaluating Professional Development Grants and, although unlikely given the fact that we are still in retrenchment, any other grant opportunity that the administration may put forward.

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