

Re: 2017–2018 Annual Report (Committee on Faculty Development and Research)
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On 30 January 2018, members of the Faculty Development and Research Committee, having received and reviewed seven sabbatical proposals, recommended funding six of the proposals. (One proposal did not meet the qualifications for a sabbatical as outlined in the FPPM.) The VPAA's office confirmed several weeks later that all six were approved.

Sabbaticals

1. Sarah Porter (Fall 2018): Prepare grant application for American Chemical Society's Project SEED and complete manuscript "Tautomerization in Drug Design."

2. Rhonda Brock-Servais (Fall 2018): Complete three manuscripts for publication: "A Short Film About John Bolton"; "I Know It When I See It: Defining Children's Gothic"; "A New Cinderella in a Very Old Story: Three Contemporary Cinderella Adaptations"; begin work on up to three additional conference presentations.

3. Larissa Tracy (Spring 2019): Complete research for and write monograph: "Constructions of Kingship: Chronicles, Hagiography, and Romance."

4. Pam Tracy (Fall 2018): Conduct research and write a draft manuscript on the professional needs and experiences of faculty who were first generation college students.

5. Xun Bian (Fall 2018): Complete work and write manuscript for research entitled "Bargaining, Financing, and Asset Liquidity."

6. Katrina Maynard (Spring 2019): Continue work on Elementary and Middle School Teacher Preparation Programs; prepare conference presentations and manuscript for publication.

As specified in the FPPM, p. 161: "A faculty member who has been granted a sabbatical leave will be required to write a brief but detailed report on the work accomplished during the time on leave. This report must be submitted to the PVPAA by January 30 following a fall semester's leave and by September 1 following a spring semester's or full year's leave. Faculty members who fail to submit a written report will not be eligible to receive further

grants/awards/leaves until all previous reports have been submitted, and must wait one year before applying again once the backlog reports are received.”

Grants

On 27 February 2018, members of the Committee, having reviewed fourteen Grant proposals, voted to submit all fourteen proposals, in a ranked list, to the VPAA’s office for review. The total funding requested was \$103,866.33, and the total amount that was funded was \$78,108.33.

The ranked list the committee submitted, as well as the focus of the proposal, and funding received, were:

- 1. Amorette Barber:** Enhancing the anti-tumor efficacy of chimeric PD1-expressing T cells with naturally occurring plant stilbenes. \$6,000.00.
- 2. Erin Shanle:** Understanding the effects of cancer mutations on protein function in cells. \$10,500.00.
- 3. Andrew Yeagley & Ben Topham:** Purchase and use computational chemistry software. \$11,999.00.
- 4. Denis Trubitsyn:** Biological engineering of bacterial magnetic particles for binding to human DNA. \$8,500.00.
- 5. Carl Harvey, Jenifer Spisak, Karla Collins, Audrey Church:** Provide Region 8 public school librarians access to / training in NSLS standards. \$7,750.00.
- 6. Kat Alves:** Use of ‘TeachLive’ computer-simulated reading comprehension program for teacher preparation. \$3,960.00.
- 7. Sara Miller:** Creating the conditions for a University-based child development center. \$2,500.00.
- 8. Kevin Doyle:** Exploring available treatment programs for opioid addiction. \$3,700.00.
- 9. Elif Guler:** Recovering non-western rhetorical principles from the Three Scribes of Wisdom of Royal Glory. \$4,695.00.
- 10. Kelly Nelson:** Attend workshop to learn the art process titled ‘Makey Makey.’ \$672.50.
- 11. Michael Mergen:** Looking After Mars photo exhibition: printing and framing. \$5,432.83.
- 12. Terri Sabotos:** Identify 18th century portraits damaged during the American Revolutionary War. \$2,442.00.
- 13. Phillip Cantrell:** Travel to Belgium to conduct archival research into the influence of Catholics, Anglicans, and Belgians in Colonial Africa. \$3,332.00.

14. Steven Faulkner: Recreate the journey of Cabeza de Vaca. \$6,625.00.

As specified in the FPPM, p. 247: “Recipients of research or development grants are required to submit a written report of their activities during the period of the grant. This report must be submitted by September 1 for a spring or summer grant and by January 30 for a fall grant. Copies of the report go to the PVPAA and to the Committee on Faculty Development. Faculty members who fail to submit such a written report will not be eligible to receive future grants.”

The committee also submitted two proposals recommending revisions to the FPPM language regarding Sabbaticals, Faculty Connections, and Faculty Development. One proposal (Sept 2017) corrected text in the FPPM regarding proposed changes that were passed in Senate last year but were ‘missed’ in the editing process. The second proposal (April 2018) proposes further changes to the FPPM in order to further clarify the process of proposal submissions and to enhance the information included in proposals in order to allow the Committee and VPAA to adequately evaluate proposals and reports from year to year.