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Re: 2014 Annual Report (Committee on Faculty Development and Research)
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In January 2014, members of the Faculty Development and Research Committee, having received six sabbatical proposals and two Faculty Connections proposals the preceding fall semester, recommended funding all eight proposals. The VPAA's office confirmed several weeks later that all were granted.

Sabbaticals

1. Chris McGee (Fall 2014): completion of book manuscript, *A Childhood Full of Secrets: Mystery Stories for Young Readers*.
2. David Magill (Spring 2015): completion of book, *Modern Masculinities: Modernist Nostalgia and Jazz Age White Manhood*.
3. McRae Amoss (full year): revision, additions, and completion of book, *Narrating Social Reform in French Fiction from 1830-1870*.
4. Kristen Nugent (Fall 2014): two projects: study of multi-cultural teens' adolescent identity, and the efficacy of Alcoholics Anonymous in relation to spiritual tenets.
5. Chris Bjornsen (Fall 2014): production of a textbook to be used in PSYC 384 Cross-Cultural Psychology.
6. Jennifer Miskec (Spring 2015): three projects: co-editing volume of essays analyzing the craft of children's literature; oversight of spring 2015 conference of Children's Lit. Assoc. at Longwood; article to write on Andersen's "The Red Shoes."

Connections

1. Margaret (Meg) Thompson (Fall 2014): work with Amelia County Public Schools in implementing state-mandated CPR and first aid programs. Work also with CJW Sports Medicine to enhance clinical skills.

2. Rená Koesler (Spring 2015): two-fold program: develop future programming options at Hull Springs Farm; collaboration with Teton Science Schools in ongoing development of environmental and outdoor education.

In mid-March, (slightly delayed by the near-impossibility of coordinating schedules amid SACS visits and QEP demands) the committee reconvened to consider proposals for the Faculty Research and Development Grants. Fourteen applications were received, with a total price tag of \$104,160.73, if all were to be funded.

In accordance with the criteria outlined in the FPPM, we found all the Grant Proposals met Longwood's standards, and we thus recommended them all. But, in keeping with the FPPM's criteria, we submitted them in a ranked list for funding. The committee came to a consensus that the grants sorted themselves into three main brackets of quality with the last application being something of an outlier because of its link to an already approved Faculty Connections Grant. So, we presented them thus (with cumulative rankings as per the FPPM rubric):

Bracket I

1. Dina Leech (Dissolved organic carbon and the "brownification" of waters—student involvement)
2. Jeffrey Bardwell (Assessment of amphibian declines in P.E. county)
3. Adam Franssen (Motherhood, Environment and Brain Injury—student work with rats)
4. Amorette Barber (Chimeric PD1 Receptors for Anti-tumor Therapy—students involvement)
5. Melissa Kravetz (Archival research in Germany for book chapter on women's and children's nutrition)

Bracket II

6. Dale Beach (*Pilobolus* – a fungus – Genome Sequencing Project—student involvement)
7. Kathy Debusk (Study of impact of dam removal at Hull Springs Farm and wetland restoration—student involvement)
8. Larissa Tracey (Defray expenses of invited paper presentation on Vikings at conference in Iceland)
9. Kerri Cushman (Residency in paper-making and bookbinding at Fabriana, Italy)
10. Philip Cantrell (Research into Belgian and German archives relative to the Anglican Church of Rwanda and its relationship to the 1994 genocide)

Bracket III

11. Sujan Henkanaththegedara (Building a Mecocosm at Longwood to measure invasive crawfish—students involved)
12. Francisco Fernandez Urenda (On-site research in Madrid & Barcelona for article on Federico Urales)
13. Kelly Nelson (Defraying expenses of residency at Virginia atelier in the Cité des Arts, Paris, while working on prints and "ephemeral stencil work")

Bracket IV

14. Rená Koesler (Travel expenses to/from/in Wyoming as part of Connections Leave)

In consulting later with the VPAA's office, it was determined that Dr. Bardwell's application could not be considered since he is not in a tenure-track position. The remaining seven top applications were then funded by the VPAA's office for a total award of \$57,620. This total award is a drop of \$8392 from the 2013 award totals. The committee thus notes that we are seeing an increase in applicants at the same time as the available pool of funds is facing constrictions.