

To: Susan May, for the Faculty Senate
From: Steven Isaac
Re: 2013 Annual Report (Committee on Faculty Development and Research)
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Committee Members:

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In January 2013, members of the Faculty Development and Research Committee, having received four sabbatical proposals and two Faculty Connections proposals the preceding fall semester, recommended funding all six proposals. The VPAA's office confirmed several weeks later that all were granted. Because of FPPM rules to avoid a conflict of interest, Cathy Roy stepped down from the committee so that her Connections proposal could be considered. The Committee understands that Dr. Rao has since announced his resignation for another post, and so, in effect, only three sabbaticals are being granted next academic year.

Sabbaticals

1. Derek Taylor—Acritical edition of Samuel Richardson's final novel, *The History of Sir Charles Grandison*, in 6 volumes (Taylor being responsible for the final 2 volumes)
2. Ramesh Rao—Completion of co-authored textbook: *Many Identities, One Destiny: Intercultural Communication within India*
3. Joseph Garcia—(a) Reconstruction of the Staunton River flood-plain, and (b) analysis of sediments from Wood Turtle Nesting Sites
4. Brett Hursey: production of *Small Doses*, a full-length comedic play

Connections

1. Cathy Roy—graduate faculty at UVA Kinesiology-Exercise Physiology Program (Spring 2014)
2. Allison (Vonnie) Colvin—Prince Edward County Public Schools (Fall 2013)

At the end of March, the committee reconvened to consider proposals for the Faculty Research and Development Grants. Difficulties coordinating all schedules meant that we actually did meet 24 hours beyond the deadline stipulated by the FPPM. At this point, after conferring with members of Senate Executive Committee, it was determined that Cathy Roy could rejoin the committee without a conflict of interest. Eleven applications were received, with the committee recommending all of them. We grouped the top five all as #1, this stunt being our way of insisting that these five had to be funded. After that we ranked the following six. All eleven were eventually funded by the VPAA's office, to the sum of \$66,012.

1. Adam Paulek: Artist-in-Resident at Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center, Denmark (\$2910)
1. Kenneth Fortino: CO₂ in Man-Made Ponds (\$8300)
1. Michael Mergen: Memorials to the War on Terror (\$6668)
1. Richard Adam Franssen: Understanding how Motherhood Makes Rats Smarter (\$9000)
1. Amorette Barber: NKG2D Receptor Activates in mTOR to Increase the Lifespan of Anti-Tumor T Cells (\$10,200)
6. Wade Znosko: Effect of Coliform-Impaired Environmental Water on the Development and Fertility of an Aquatic Vertebrate (\$6970)
7. Kelly Nelson: Arrowmount Art School Workshop-Monotype & Monoprint (\$1800)
8. Francisco Javier Fernández Urenda: Article on the poems of Manuel Breton de los Herreros (\$3810)
9. Dale Beach: Comparative Fungal Genomics: mRNA Localization (\$9000)
10. Kerri Cushman: Residency at the Cité des Arts, Paris (\$3310)
11. Rena Koesler: Development of a Study Abroad Course in Nepal (\$4044)

Days before the awarding of the grants from the VPAA's Office, I was contacted by Eva Philbeck with news that virtually no one from the previous year's grantees had filed the mandatory report in September for their previous grants. We negotiated a 4-day reprieve in which I contacted all applicants and solicited reports posthaste from not only the 2012 recipients, but even those from 2010 and 2011. This maneuver (thanks to the echo across campus) had the further benefit of encouraging several other recipients to file their delinquent reports as well. The award letters which subsequently went out from the VPAA's office had the requirement of a follow-up report stipulated in bold, quoting page 125 of the FPPM.