

To: Carol Anderson, for the Faculty Senate

From: Virginia Beard

Re: 2016-2017 Annual Report (Committee on Faculty Development and Research)

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On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, members of the Faculty Research and Development Committee met to consider the ten applications for sabbatical that were received. The committee recommended granting sabbaticals for nine of the applicants. The VPPAA's office indicated later that eight of the sabbaticals were approved.

#### Sabbaticals

1. Dr. Amorette Barber (Fall 2019). To conduct cancer research and publish the results of this research, that will involve students.
2. Dr. Consuelo Alvarez (Fall 2019). To collect data on genetically modified food and develop an approach to test for heavy metals in water that will be utilized to develop a relationship with the Virginia Clean Waterways program.
3. Dr. Adam Franssen (Spring 2020). To develop a new lab protocol and to synthesize and analyze six years of data for publications.
4. Dr. Sean Barry (Academic year 2019-2020). To finish a monograph titled "Descriptive Rituals, Antiquarianism, Secularism and Romantic Poetry."
5. Dr. Steven Faulkner (Fall 2019). To conduct research tracking the journey of Cabaza de Vaca and the Navarez Expedition of 1528 during the time it originally occurred and publish a book based upon this research.
6. Dr. John Miller (Fall 2019). To complete a book "Honorable and Brilliant Labors and Selected Orations of William Gilmore Simms."
7. Dr. Brett Martz (Fall 2019). To publish a book and develop a meaningful approach to assessing study abroad programs.
8. Dr. Kerri Cushman (Fall 2019) To create a body of work and exhibit the work at regional, national, and international exhibits and to develop a new symposium course for the core.
9. Dr. Katrina Maynard (Fall 2019) To

Additionally, the committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to consider proposals for Faculty Research and Development Grants. A total of eighteen applications were received, with a request total of \$87,802.99 if all were to be funded. The committee was able to recommend all proposals for funding. The proposals were rank ordered by the committee and this information as well as the proposals were sent to the VPAA's office for funding consideration. The VPAA's office indicated later that 17 of the 18 grant proposals received full or partial funding totaling \$74,482.57. A listing of the grant recipients, totals received and project titles are below.

1. Dr. Matthew Lucas: \$1,930.00 for presentation at a conference on *What Physical Education Teachers Should Know about IEP's*.
2. Dr. Elif Gueler: \$3,790.00 for research project *Rhetoric for a Happy and Fulfilled Life: Reconsidering the Purposes of Rhetoric and its Instruction in a Global Context*.
3. Dr. Steven Isaac: \$4,786.00 for travel and research related to a book project.
4. Dr. Jill Perttula: \$5,000.00 for the project *Afterschool Movie Makers*.
5. Mr. Mike Mergen: \$3,527.57 for project *Paper Water*.
6. Ms. Lauren Rice: \$4,750.00 for project *Art Exhibitions: Bedford Gallery and LCVA*.
7. Mr. Chris Register: \$2026.00 for project *Wood Engravers Network and Workshop*.
8. Ms. Stephanie Howieson: \$994.00 for workshop attendance *J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Annual Playwriting and Intensive Writing Workshop*
9. Ms. Kelly Nelson: \$2,380.00 for workshop *Spatial Knitting*.
10. Ms. Kerrie Cushman: \$2,960.00 for workshop *Old Ways of Making Books from Raw Materials*
11. Dr. Kathy DeBusk Gee: \$6052.00 for project *Mosquitoes: To Build Larvae and Adult Traps*.
12. Dr. Dina Leech: \$5,375.00 for project *Brown Freshets and Water Quality: Effects of Decreased Salinity and Increased Dissolved Organic Matter on Coastal Streams of the Chesapeake Bay*.
13. Dr. Denis Trubitsyn: \$6,800 dollars for project *Assessment of Expression Profiles of Biologically Engineered Magnetic Nano-Particles*.
14. Dr. Erin Shanle: \$8,500.00 for project *YEATS2 as a Reader of Mitotic Bookmarking in Cells*.
15. Dr. Kenneth Fortino: \$8,612.00 for project *Creation of Small Lakes and Ponds-Modification to Watersheds Globally*.
16. Ms. Mary Carroll-Hackett: \$4,000.00 for travel related to project *The Nobel Soul*.
17. Dr. Steven Faulkner: \$3,000 for travel related to *Tracing the Journey of Cabeza de Vaca*.

In addition, the committee also discussed and developed changes to the FPPM and process of applying for sabbaticals, research and development grants, and faculty connections program to include the following:

- 1) The language of the FPPM was shortened to include only a description of the sabbatical program, the faculty research and development grant program, and the faculty connections program, eligibility and timeline.
- 2) A webpage was created where fillable Microsoft word application forms for each of the programs are now located.
- 3) A link to the webpage was added to the new FPPM language for each
- 4) The Cover page and Sign off Sheets were removed from the FPPM and included in the electronic fillable/printable application packets.

The proposed revisions were submitted to Senate Executive for consideration at the end of March 2019.