

Re: 2017–2018 Annual Report (Committee on Faculty Development and Research)

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On January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Faculty Research and Development Committee met to consider Faculty Connections and Sabbatical Proposals for the 2020-2021 academic year. The committee received fourteen proposals for sabbaticals and two proposals for faculty connections programs. Twelve of the sabbatical proposals were approved and one of the faculty connections proposals was approved. Below is a listing of the approved leaves of absence.

Fall 2020 Sabbaticals:

- 1) Dr. Javier Fernandez Urenda to complete a manuscript on the poems of Manuel Breton de los Herreros as published in Madrid Newspapers.
- 2) Dr. Elif Guler to further research on non-western rhetorical traditions in Turkey and Uzbekistan.
- 3) Dr. Dina Leech to use Hull Springs farm to investigate land usage and land cover effects on water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
- 4) Ms. Lauren Rice to develop a new body of art work and experiment with new tools and processes, to participate in a resident art project, to present at art galleries, and to engage in course development for the Civitae Core.
- 5) Dr. Derek Taylor to finish and publish the book *History of Sir Charles Grandison*.

Spring 2021 Sabbaticals:

- 6) Dr. Dale Beach for the publication of an article based upon six years of collected data and outreach using this project for rural schools.

7) Ms. Angela Bubash to develop a body of artwork, apply to the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts Open Studio Residency Program, and engage in curricular development.

8) Dr. Sujan Henkanththe Gedara to study the ecology of and conservatism of freshwater crayfish in Virginia.

9) Dr. Melissa Kravitz to accomplish the goal of interviewing a living subject from the World War II era, conduct other research relative to the project from collections overseas, and develop a manuscript that will be sent for publication.

10) Dr. Melissa Rhoten to work on the development of a biochemistry degree program, curricular development for existing courses, and assistance with the ACS accreditation for the Chemistry program.

11) Dr. Andrew Yeagley to complete three articles that involve students for publication and use these publications for the support of a NIH grant.

#### Full Year Sabbatical

12) Dr. Renee Gutierrez to complete a monograph on Pedro de Prealt's *Lima Fundada* and to travel to Peru to conduct research for future articles on epic poetry at the Bibliotheca Nacional, and to work towards the development of a study abroad program in Cuzco.

Per page 179 of the 2019-2020 FPPM: "A sabbatical leave is granted on the condition that, at the conclusion of the leave, the faculty member is obligated to render service to the University for at least one contract year or to refund the money received in salary during the leave. Details of current provisions for repayment are available in the Office of Human Resources. 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."

#### Faculty Connections:

1) Catherine Franssen to work as a scientist in residence at the Science Museum of Virginia for the academic year 2020-2021.

Per page 181 of the FPPM: "Obligations upon Program Completion. A faculty member who has completed a faculty connections leave will be required to prepare a report about the experience with the outside organization. This report must be approved by the outside organization. No organization sensitive information is to be included. After it has been approved by the outside organization, this report will be presented to the appropriate department chair, dean, and the

PVPAA by January 30 following a fall semester's leave and by September 1 following a spring semester's leave. Faculty members who fail to submit a written report will not be eligible to receive future sabbatical or faculty connections leaves until all previous reports have been submitted, and must wait one year before applying again once the backlog reports are received.”

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Faculty Research and Development Committee met to consider research and development grant proposals for academic year 2020-2021. The committee received a total of 24 applications with a total ask of \$122,398.72. Many of the proposals received, unfortunately, were unable to be considered as a result of travel restrictions related to COVID-19. Below is a list of approved and conditionally approved faculty research and development grants.

#### Faculty Research Grants:

- 1) Dr. Adam Franssen \$3,000.00 related to the project *Consequences of Mother's Parenting Style* to purchase lab materials.
- 2) Dr. Elif Guler \$5,000.00 related to the project *Tracking Turkic Rhetorical Traditions at the Crossroads of Civilization*. \*\*IF travel can be shifted to the fall of 2020 during sabbatical leave.
- 3) Dr. Renee Gutierrez \$2,700.00 to travel to Peru and conduct research related to the approved sabbatical.
- 4) Dr. Brandon Jackson \*travel request was not approved due to COVID. Unspecified amount approved for purchase of equipment related to project *Collecting Locomotor Data of Coreidae in Gainesville, FL* IF the project was still feasible without travel. Original budget request for equipment was \$9,500.00.
- 5) Dr. Bjorn Ludwar \$4673.00 related to the project *Memories of an Overly Sweet Life: Does Metabolic Stress Affect Brain Symmetry*.
- 6) Dr. Erin Shanle \$ 7,000.00 for research related to the project *DNA Damage Repair*.
- 7) Dr. Dorothy Suskin \$3,900.00 for research related to *Disruptive Women: A HERo's Journey of Creative Convictions and Workplace Bullying*. \*This conference has been moved to 2021 and funding has been reserved for this future date.
- 8) Dr. Denis Trubitsyn \$3,000.00 to cover supplies related to the project *Magnetotactic Bacteria Produce Magnetic Nano-Particles*.

9) Dr. Jonathan White \$1,709.00 to cover supplies related to the project *Choline-Conjugated PtII...*

10) Dr. Haley Woznyj money to purchase gift cards to enhance participation in a study related to *Perceived Institutional Support*. Amount not specified. Original request was between \$1,000.00 and \$3500.00.

Faculty Development Grants:

11) Ms. Angela Bubash \$1,132.76 for purchase of software programs related to project historical decorative objects and decorative art, design, and techniques. \*Contingent as project was tied participation in a travel related workshop.

Per page 268 of the FPPM: “Recipients of research or development grants are required to submit a written report of their activities during the period of the grant, specifically addressing each of the stated goals of the grant and providing evidence for whether or not the specific goals were achieved. 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 a written report will not be eligible to receive future sabbatical or faculty connections leaves until all previous reports have been submitted, and must wait one year before applying again once the backlog reports are received.”