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Re: 2016–2017 Annual Report (Committee on Faculty Development and Research)
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On 19 January 2017, members of the Faculty Development and Research Committee, having received five sabbatical proposals the preceding fall semester, recommended funding all five proposals. The VPAA's office confirmed several weeks later that all were approved.

Sabbaticals

1. Mr. Jeff Halliday (Spring 2018): Research on instruction of the client-focused digital media course currently being piloted by the Communication Studies department; launching the department's hands-on approach to teaching practical skills in journalism, client-centered script writing, camera work, and offering an exemplary course experience
2. Dr. Mary Carver (Spring 2018): Developing and revising courses in both traditional classroom as well as online format.
3. Dr. Carl Riden (Spring 2018): Writing up the results of the Yellowstone project and assessing further development.
4. Dr. Sean Ruday (Fall 2017): Finishing a book, which will be titled *The Common Core Grammar Toolkit: Using Mentor Texts to Teach the Language Standards in Grades 9-12*.
5. Dr. Christopher Swanson (Fall 2017): Travel and voice coaching for vocal and musical development.

On 28 February 2017, the committee reconvened to consider proposals for the Faculty Research and Development Grants. Nineteen applications were received, with a total price tag of \$124,747.62 if all were to be funded.

In accordance with the criteria outlined in the FPPM, we found all but one of the grant proposals met Longwood's standards and requirements, and we thus recommended eighteen of them. In keeping with the FPPM's criteria, we submitted them to the VPAA's office in a ranked list for funding consideration. Due to the overwhelming number of applicants this year, funding was tight. However, the VPAA's office was able to fund or partly fund almost all of the applications this year.

As specified in the FPPM: **"Recipients of research or development grants are required to submit a written report of their activities during the period of the grant. This report should 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 VPAA 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."**

1. Amorette Barber: (\$7,000) Chimeric PD I-expressing T cells as potential treatment for various cancers, with ongoing labwork by Longwood students.

2. Sean Barry: (\$6,320.50) to cover expenses, including travel to the UK for research, for a book project *Descriptive rituals: Antiquarianism in Theory and in Relics of Romantic Poetry*.
3. Kerri Cushman: (\$2,075.00) to return to the Paper & Book Intensive Summer Institute, Saugatuck, MI, this time for a course titled: Further Innovations in Letterpress Printing.
4. Steven Faulkner: (\$10,000) for expenses and equipment related to a book project *Following the Journey of Cabeza de Vaca (Gulf Coast)*.
5. Kathy Gee: (\$7,850) to study the prevalence of mosquitoes in and around rainwater harvesting systems which involves research with Longwood students.
6. Elif Guler: (\$3,440.00) to cover expenses, including travel to Turkey for research, for a book project, *Rhetoric of the Orkhon Inscriptions (Turkish Rhetorical Traditions)*.
7. Melanie Marks: (\$1,000) for travel to Costa Rica related to course development.
8. Michael Mergen: (\$5,093.48) *Looking /or Mars—continued from 2016–2017*, a landscape and re-photography project that replicates Mergen's 1995 journey with his late friend “Mars.”
9. Kelly Nelson: (\$2,133.00) for a one-week intensive course titled: Rise Up! 3-D Fiber Techniques.
10. Sarah Porter: (\$350.00) for equipment related to the project: MicroboCop Part I: Using Biological Organisms as Chemical Sensors.
11. Troy Purdom: (3,381.80) for a project on refining training outcomes to enhance athlete performance and prevent injury, with the participation of several Longwood student athletes.
12. Terri Sabatos: (\$4,740.00) to cover expenses, including travel to the UK for research, for a project titled: *Victorian Visual Culture of Death and Mourning (Surrounding Dog Ownership)*.
13. Erin Shanle: (\$12,000) to cover expenses related to the project titled: Functional Analysis of Bromodomain Protein Mutations in Cancer.
14. Christopher Swanson: (\$5,350.00) to cover expenses for travel and voice coaching for vocal and musical development.
15. Yulia Uryadova: (\$9,384.00) to cover expenses, including travel to Russia for research, for a book project *Focusing on the Ferghana Valley*.
16. Andrew Yeagley: (\$4,950.04) to continue research into carcinogenic possibilities of parabens in cosmetics, especially deodorants.
17. Wade Znosko: (\$4,500.00) to cover expenses related to the project titled: Quantitative Analysis of Developmental Genes in Zebrafish Raised in Impaired Waters.

The committee also spent considerable time over the course of the year crafting revisions to the FPPM language regarding Sabbaticals, Faculty Connections, and Faculty Development Grants at the request of the Senate Executive Committee. The proposed revisions were submitted to Senate Executive for consideration at the end of March 2017.