

## Summer 2011 Report on the Faculty Research & Publications Board to Faculty Senate, Stephen Luttmann, Chair

The Faculty Research & Publications Board (FRPB, the Board) is tasked with “encourag[ing] faculty research, publications, scholarly activities, and artistic productions” through the allocation of grant monies. During the 2010/11 year, the Board members were: Rashida Banerjee, CEBS; John Clinebell, MCB; Lory Clukey (Vice Chair), NHS; Annie Epperson (Chair), University Libraries; Michelle Athanasiou (Kathrine Hak, alternate during sabbatical), At-large; Cody Havard, GSA; Jeffrey Houser, At-large; Michael Kimball, Faculty Senate; Michelle Low, HSS; Valerie Middleton, At-large; Anna Ursyn, PVA . Michele Schwietz, new Director of Office of Sponsored Programs was appointed to the Board by the Chair.

The longest-standing pool of award money is now called the New Projects Program (NPP), in which up to \$2500 can be used as seed money for projects with the potential for large external grants. The NPP has Fall and Spring rounds, with approximately \$10,000 available each round. For the past four years the Board has also been responsible for allocating funds from the Provost, these are divided into two programs: Research Dissemination & Faculty Development (RDFD) and Provost Award for Travel (PAT). Each year the total dollars allocated to the Provost fund is divided between these two programs; in the 2010/11 year a total of \$300,000 was divided into two \$100,000 rounds of RDFD and three \$33,000 rounds of PAT.

During the fall semester the Board met four times, allocating just over \$105,000 in NPP, RDFD, and Travel grants.

FALL SEMESTER 2010	Funds allocated \$	Funded/received
<b>New Projects Program</b>	4,842	2/2
<b>Research Dissemination &amp; Faculty Development</b>	66,031	10/18
<b>Provost Award for Travel</b>	34,290	19/21
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,163</b>	

During the spring semester the Board met four times, allocating nearly \$186,000 in NPP, RDFD, and grants.

SPRING SEMESTER 2011	Funds allocated \$	Funded/received
<b>New Projects Program</b>	6,997	3/4
<b>Research Dissemination &amp; Faculty Development</b>	100,112	19/23
<b>Provost Award for Travel (Winter round)</b>	30,675	16/18
<b>Provost Award for Travel (Spring round)</b>	48,074	20/26
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,858</b>	

Total grant funds allocated during 2010/11: \$291,021 (91%) out of a potential \$320,000. Of the 112 proposals received, 89 (79%) were funded, at least in part. Not all funds were completely allocated, since the review process is rigorous. Members of the board will at times elect to partially-fund a

proposal, not covering unallowable expenses. Proposals may be rejected because applications miss key elements, or are unsuitable for the fund under review. Part of the charge of the Board is to provide feedback to colleagues in an effort to encourage care and diligence appropriate for application for funds at a federal or private donor level; this educational component of Board membership can be among the most difficult aspect of our work.

Lists of successful grantees can be seen at the Office of Sponsored Programs website:  
<http://www.unco.edu/osp/> .

Each year the Board selects the A.M. & Jo Winchester Distinguished Scholar; this year's Scholar is Jonathan Bellman, Professor in the School of Music. A luncheon in his honor, and at which he presented a sampling of his current scholarly interests, was held on 28 March 2011.

Procedurally, this was the first year that the Board adopted use of the UNC SharePoint system for communication, scheduling and document storage and sharing. Surveys within the SharePoint site were used to tally initial proposal review and prepare for funding discussions.

Finally, the Bylaws governing the FRPB were revised over the course of the 2010/11 year, with Board voting approval on 7 April 2011. The revised bylaws were sent via email to Mary Schuttler, Senate Chair of Codification, on 13 April. As no changes to the Board Policy Manual were involved, the revised bylaws of the FRPB would have served the Faculty Senate as an information item only.

My one-year term as chair brings to a conclusion my three years of service on the Board. I have enjoyed working with colleagues from across campus, and owe a debt to the excellent leadership that preceded me. I learned much. In particular I am grateful to Lory Clukey and Jacalyn Dougherty, with whom the revision of Bylaws was edifying and efficient. I also would like to commend Sherry May, Michele Schwietz and Arlene Hansen in the Office of Sponsored Programs. The work of chairing the FRPB would be sheer drudgery if it weren't for these exemplary people.

Respectfully submitted,

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