

Annual Report of the Faculty Research and Publication Board (FRPB) For Fiscal Year 2011-2012

The Faculty Research and Publications Board (FRPB) is a representative faculty board that functions to encourage faculty research, publications, scholarly activities, and artistic productions, and to fulfill the duties assigned to it by the Board of Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado as set forth in the Board Policy Manual. FRPB voting membership consists of one faculty representative from each college; three additional faculty representatives elected at large; one faculty representative from the University libraries; one faculty representative selected by the Faculty Senate, and one graduate student representative selected by the President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). Five non-voting advisory members are also named to the committee, including the Graduate School Dean or designee, Director of IMT or designee, Representative of Academic Affairs, Academic Dean appointed by CAO, and the OSP Director or designee.

The committee is charged with reviewing applications for internal funding administered through the office of Sponsored Programs. Representatives are also tasked with assisting colleagues in their various colleges, schools or departments in proposal development or revisions. In addition, this committee solicits nominations, reviews dossiers and votes for the A.M. & Jo Winchester Distinguished Scholar Award which is presented to the recipient at a banquet held each Spring.

FRPB was co-chaired this year by Dr. John Clinebell of the Monfort College of Business and Dr. Lory Clukey of the School of Nursing. Voting members of the committee were: Rashida Banerjee (CEBS-Special Education); John Clinebell (MCB-Finance); Lory Clukey (Nursing); Michelle Low (HSS-Modern Languages); Anna Ursyn (PVA-Art & Design); Valerie Middleton (At-large-STE); Nancy Matchett (at-large-HHS-Philosophy); Jennifer Leffler (University Libraries); Michael Kimball (Senate Appointment), Crowder, Shanda (Graduate Student Rep). Michelle Athanasiou (at-large-APCE). Non-voting Advisory members were: Patricia Book (AVP for Extended Studies and Academic Outreach); Teresa McDevitt (Acting AVP for Research); Donald Gudmundson (Representative Dean); Jeannette VanGalder (Director, Information Technology); Michele Schwietz (Director of Sponsored Programs).

First of all, the co-chairs want to acknowledge the mentorship and leadership of the former chair, Annie Epperson from Libraries who so expertly guided the new co-chairs in their assumption of leadership duties for this committee. Also, the continued support and guidance of Dr. Michele Schwietz, Director of Sponsored Programs and Sherry May from the Office of Sponsored Programs who make it possible for the committee to function and who coordinate this very needed and useful program. We would also like to thank Ms. Arlene Hansen for her work on our webpage (<http://www.unco.edu/frpb>) which has made it much more user friendly. Thank you Arlene! The support and guidance from Acting Provost Dr. Robbyn Wacker and Acting Assistant VP for Research Dr. Teresa McDevitt is valued and respected. Thank you for making the funds available and allowing the faculty to be represented through this important committee.

The committee met eight times over the academic year to review grants and make awards. We reviewed 118 proposals and awarded 99 grants. Details of the awards are included in the table below. Lists of successful grantees can be seen at the Office of Sponsored Programs SharePointSite: <https://shareosp.unco.edu/OSPEXPRES/SitePages/Home.aspx> then click on the "Internal Grants" tab. One of the goals of the committee for the past 2 years has been to mentor colleagues in our various departments on grant applications so that skills are developed to write for external funding. We have noted a very positive trend in the applications we are receiving with proposals being submitted that are professional and address the guidelines for each of the funding sources.

FRPB funding requests and awards:

Fund	# of proposals	# of awards	\$ requested	\$ awarded
Provost Award for Travel-fall	17	16	\$38,091	\$31,034
New Project Proposals-fall	1	1	\$2,497	\$2,497
RDFD - fall	14	12	\$62,783	\$45,076
Provost Award for Travel-winter	30	25	\$54,239	\$42,656
New Project Proposals-spring	10	6	\$24,221	\$14,357
RDFD-spring	17	12	\$86,297	\$50,559
Provost Award for Travel-spring	29	28	\$68,291	\$65,531
TOTAL	118	99	\$336,419	\$251,710

Year total for each fund:

Fund	\$ requested	\$ awarded
New Project Program	\$26,718	\$16,854
Provost Award for Travel	\$154,689	\$139,221
RDFD	\$152,406	\$95,635

The committee requested nominations for the A.M. & Jo Winchester Award. Five dossiers were reviewed and Dr. Janice Payan of the Monfort School of Business was honored with this reward for 2011-2012. We congratulate her for her years of dedicated service and scholarly activity at UNC.

The committee has worked to make the application process more streamlined. We are receiving more proposals and representatives have been involved in their own academic units and departments to assist colleagues in developing proposals. A rubric was developed to assist applicants in determining which grant opportunity would best fit. This rubric is now available on our website. We have received positive feedback about the addition of this rubric. Guidelines were reviewed and streamlined with areas that seemed to cause confusion clarified. We continue to work on making applications as consistent, concise and clear as possible to aid successful proposal development. This year we have successfully utilized SharePoint as a tool in facilitating proposal review and this has saved on copying and allowed committee members easy access to files. This software has also provided a means for communication that enhanced our meeting time by allowing for collation of input for discussion at the meetings. We will continue to develop our skill in using this tool for throughput. Furthermore, the Office of Sponsored Programs' SharePoint site, OSPEXPRES, lists several years' award information on the Provost and FRPB competitions on the "Internal Grants" tab.

Respectfully submitted,

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