

University Research Council

November 16, 2021

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Approved

Present: Becki Battista, Megen Culpepper, Karen Fletcher, Soo Goh, Adam Hege, Christine Hendren, Marie Hoepfl, Christopher Holden, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Ece Karatan, Gary McCullough, Patricia Ortiz, Abhi Ramalingam, Jenny Tonsing, Heather Waldroup, Twila Wingrove, John Wiswell

Excused: Elaine Berry, Mina Min, Rebecca Witter

Staff: Kate Hoffman

Absent: Andrew Caldwell, Deb Paxton

Guest: Gabe Casale

- Ece Karatan calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
- Motion (Ramalingam, Wiswell) to approve the minutes from the [October 19, 2021 meeting](#). VOTE: 15 – Approved, 0 Opposed, 1 – Abstained. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

URC Fall 2021 Grants Funding Recommendations

Karen Fletcher shares her screen with the confidential funding recommendations spreadsheet. Funding all the green highlighted rows that are submissions recommended to “definitely” fund with the highest scores amounts to \$46,841. Including the lesser scored yellow shaded rows of submissions with the green shaded rows of submissions amounts to \$51,609. Up to \$50,000 is the usual funding cap. The vice provost for research has the discretion to approve funding above the cap. Each submission gets a declination letter or a funded letter.

Motion 1 (Jackson, Ramalingam) to recommend funding submissions shaded in green in the amount of \$46,841. VOTE: 12 – Approved, 0 Opposed, 4 – Abstained. Motion passes.

Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:

- Cline, Nicholas (Music) - \$3,200 - “Confluent: A New Work for Saxophone Quartet”

- Donovan, Travis (Art) - \$5,000 - “Digital Stone Project”
- Flanders, April (Art) - \$2,872 - “Inflection Point and Altered Environments”
- Fournier, Jean-Francois (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) - \$4,996 - “Research travel in Paris for Parisian Epiphanies Manuscript”

Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:

- Marier, Christopher (Government and Justice Studies) - \$2,510 - “Perceptions of Lethal Self-Defense: An Experiment”
- Ondercin, Heather (Government and Justice Studies) - \$4,994 – “Understanding the Perceptions of the Political Parties and Candidate in US Elections: Coding Open-Ended ANES Questions”
- Rheingans, Richard (Sustainable Development) - \$3,789 – “New Forests and Unruly Edges: Small Farm Innovation and Restoration in the Atlantic Lowlands of Costa Rica”
- Witter, Rebecca (Sustainable Development) - \$4,896 - “Of Pig Poop and Justice: Environmental Meaning-Making in Contests over Biogas Development”

Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:

- Babyak, Carol (Chemistry and Fermentation Sciences) - \$5,000 – “Assessing the Impacts of Biogas Production from Anaerobic Digestion of Hog Waste in Sampson County, NC using Community-Based Research: Effects on Drinking Water and Nearby Streams”
- Shirzad, Sharareh (Sustainable Technology and the Built Environment) - \$5,000 - “Performance of Sustainable Concrete Containing Plastic Wastes”

Award recommendations from the Health review panel:

- Lane, Susan (Nursing) - \$4,584 - “Assessing Motivating Factors for Nurses' Pursuit of Graduate Education”

Motion 2 (Culpepper, Ramalingam) to recommend funding submissions shaded in yellow.
VOTE: 0 – Approved, 14 - Opposed, 3 – Abstained. Motion does not pass.

OLD BUSINESS

[UPPC Strategic Direction 2](#) Continued Discussions (Advancing Knowledge through Creativity, Research, and Innovation) - Ece Karatan and Gabe Casale

The feedback provided so far was extremely informative. Last week the chairs committee presented a draft of the strategic direction. This group's draft was ahead of everyone else's drafts. This format was appropriated to be used by the rest of the groups.

[SD2 November 2021 V1 document](#) was shared with the membership. Changes were made based on your feedback. The three word synopsis were used in bold type within the document to describe the goals. The order was different in this document than the four breakout room documents from October. The next step incorporated goals, targets, and metrics for each of these initiatives. These fell underneath each of the goals. More feedback was needed for these metrics. Each member was sent to one of four breakout rooms to discuss. There was a concern that aspirational was negative, but it meant showing potential for growth within this document.

Gabe Casale advised that this feedback would be used to advocate for the release of as much detailed information as possible during the next round of stakeholder meetings and to provide a refined strategic plan version in the Spring.

Adjournment (McCullough, Soh) at 5:19 pm.