Committee Name: Committee on Research & Scholarly Activity (CRSA)
Committee Chair: Sofia Leung
Fiscal Year: 2015-2016

Standing Charges:
3.3.9.1 The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities in keeping with the Libraries’ mission, shall encourage, promote, and support research and scholarly activities of the members of the Library Faculty and Professionals Assembly.

3.3.9.2 The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities shall establish and review, on an annual basis, guidelines for the disbursement of funds received from the Dean of Libraries for scholarly pursuits. The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities shall allocate these funds based on those guidelines. The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities shall also administer the University’s General Research Funds based on the established criteria.

3.3.9.3 The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities shall be composed of five members of the Library Faculty and Professionals Assembly, appointed by the Executive Committee, three of whom have the requirement to engage in research and scholarly activities as part of their professional assignment. A reasonable effort will be made to appoint members who represent the various ranks of faculty as well as the different units of the Libraries.

3.3.9.4 The appointed members shall serve two-year overlapping terms and shall select a presiding officer and a recording secretary.

Standing Charges Progress Summary (please include progress and/or accomplishments related to Standing Charges):
CRSA approved 12 Library Research Funds (LRF) awards for a total of $2994.88. LRF funds supported Julie Petr [$337, Charleston conference registration]; Fran Devlin [$223, Internet Librarian conference registration]; Jon Giullian [$130, ASEEES Conference registration]; Sarah Goodwin-Thiel [$800, CARN conference registration]; Michelle Reed [$400, funding for GRF project- student incentive]; Erik Radio [$70, DLF poster printing]; Whitney Baker [$255, Archives Conservation Discussion Group Book and Paper Section, of the American Institute for Conservation]; Carmen Orth-Alfie [$185, Model UN research project]; Michelle Reed [$400,
funding for GRF project – artist payment]; Brian Rosenblum [$325, Haiti conference registration]; Sofia Leung [$292.88, ACRL Assessment in Action project poster].

Unfortunately, due to unexpected shifts in committee membership, we were unable to communicate to staff that there were still LRF funds available in the amount of $2505.12.

We received only one GRF application, which we approved after some discussion as to how to distribute the funds.

- Brian Rosenblum - *Digital Scholarship and Libraries: Current and Emerging Trends* ($6044)

**Special Charges:**

To establish clearer guidelines for how LRF funds are distributed, or initiate conversation with those who control this distribution.

**Special Charges Progress Summary** *(please include progress and/or accomplishments related to Special Charges):*

CRSA met and discussed how to approach the special charge. The committee decided that in the interest of ensuring that LRF funds are available for the duration of the coming year, CRSA has adjusted its funding model. In departure from recent years, CRSA will no longer be supporting travel costs (e.g. Airfare, hotels) as these expenses tend to vary widely. CRSA will still support conference registration and other costs directly associated with presentation of research at conferences.

**Progress on Previous Year’s Recommendations** *(if applicable, please describe any progress or work towards last year’s committee recommendations):*

We hosted a forum in the Winter/Spring for LRF and GRF awardees to share their research.

We addressed the Special Charge suggested by last year’s committee.

**Other Activities or Accomplishments:**

On January 13, 2016, CRSA hosted an event featuring presentations from Libraries faculty who have received LRF and GRF funds over the last fiscal year.

Thank you to committee member Vickie Doll for working with LFPA Executive Secretary Kliewer to update the CRSA website and files.

**Recommendations:** None at this time.

**Potential Charges for Future Committees:**

No recommendations at this time.

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