LFPA Committee Final Report

**Committee Name:** Committee for Research and Scholarly Activities

**Committee Chair:** Tara Wenger (2011-2013)

**Members (with terms):** Angie Rathmel, Secretary (2010-2012); Lars Leon (2010-2012); Joyce McCray-Pearson (2010-2012); Lea Currie (2011-2013); Brian Rosenblum, LFPA Exec Liaison (2011-2013)

**Fiscal Year:** FY 2012

**Standing Charges:**

3.3.9.1 The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities (CRSA), 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 disbursal of funds received from the Dean of Libraries for scholarly pursuits. The Committee shall allocate these funds based on those guidelines. The Committee 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 compile and maintain documentation on the Libraries' requirements for research and scholarly activities. The Committee shall review this documentation and update it annually to reflect the current faculty requirements. This documentation shall be made available to all Library Faculty members.

3.3.9.4 The Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities shall be composed of five members from the Library Faculty and Professionals Assembly to be 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. (from Code & Bylaws, [http://lib.ku.edu/lfpa/LFACode_2009jun.pdf](http://lib.ku.edu/lfpa/LFACode_2009jun.pdf))

3.3.9.5 Committee members shall serve two-year overlapping terms. The committee members shall select a presiding officer and a recording secretary.

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

CRSA was allocated $6,650.00 in FY12. LRF awards were granted to five applicants:

Monica Claassen, $800, “Using Basecamp as a project management tool for website development” (travel to present paper at Computers in Libraries, Washington, DC).

Shiferaw Assefa, $1200, “Stem formation in Amharic” (travel to present paper at Annual Conference of African Languages, New Orleans).

Rich Ring, $500, 1. Memoir and appreciation for John McCulloh, Kansas State University; 2. Introduction to and preside over Pseudo Society Session (travel to International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, MI).

Sara Morris, $322.34, “Mississippi’s Agrindustrial Economy: Women and Balancing Agriculture with Industry” (travel to present paper at the Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting).

CRSA’s allocation from KUCR for this year was $6044. We received two applications for GRF awards, which allowed us to award the entire amount allocated to the committee:


Whitney Baker, $1720, “Windowshield decalcomania” (Travel and photoduplication).

**Special Charges:** n/a

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

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

**Other Activities or Accomplishments:**

In Fall, CRSA presented a panel on “Developing Research Projects.” Panelists were Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Jon Gullian, Susan Craig, Whitney Baker and John Stratton.

During the Spring semester, Daniel Coonfield from Research & Graduate Studies gave a training session on setting up an account in Community of Science, a resource that allows you to search for grant opportunities in many fields.

In conjunction with LOSDC, CRSA has purchased a series of webinars, “From Idea to Publication” and “The How and Why of Research: What Is the Rock in Your Shoe?”.

**Recommendations:** The committee recommends putting together a collection of research profile data (perhaps using what was submitted to Denise Stephens) and/or CVs to allow library faculty to get a sense of what others are working on and encourage possible collaboration (See Libraries Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Strategy 3-B). An annual discussion on developing research projects, led by CRSA, is also recommended.
Potential Charges for Future Committees: Recognition and sharing of scholarly accomplishments of library faculty and staff.

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