LFPA Committee Final Report

Committee Name: Committee on Research and Scholarly Activity
Committee Chair: Sherry Williams


Fiscal Year: 2013

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)

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

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The Committee received and approved nine LRF requests, totaling $1,675.29. Awards were made to Tyra Grant, Judith Emde, Nikhat Ghouse, Elspeth Healey, Rhonda Houser, Roberta Woodrick, Whitney Baker, Fran Devlin and John Stratton, Julie Petr.

Promotion of the availability of GRF money was done in March. We received two requests, and funded one fully (Becky Schulte), and a second one partially (Tami Albin), expending all GRF monies available ($6,044)

Special Charges

- To inform and encourage collaboration, develop a list of research projects currently being conducted by all LFPA members
- Conduct and lead an annual LFPA discussion on developing research projects

Special Charges Progress Summary

Our committee was not able to address the special charges this year. Given that there was no carry over from the past year’s committee (the one carry over member resigned early in the year), and most of us had never served on this committee before, we spent some time understanding how we were to function in order to insure timely response to LRF and GRF funding requests. In addition, we were required to prepare and submit to the Faculty Senate Research Committee, a three year report on the Libraries use of GRF money. After review of our report, we were pleased to be notified that the Libraries’ allocation would continue in the same amount as previously. Our report and the Senate Committee’s response are attached.

Progress on Previous Year’s Recommendations

Nothing to report

Other Activities or Accomplishments:

Recommendations:

We recommend that this committee always function with overlapping members to insure continuity and functionality of the committee. This was a problem for us this past year.

We also recommend that the manual, prepared by Lyn Wolz and her committee several years ago be reviewed and updated and passed from committee to committee.

Potential Charges for Future Committees:

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