

Interim Report to the Senate- March 7, 2011

The Faculty Development Committee has had several meetings to evaluate and fund travel grant requests and to review the Faculty Development Grant criteria. The Committee took several actions this year to increase the participation of fixed term faculty and faculty academic professionals in the Committee's grant programs including web page updates, two public faculty workshops on grant criteria, and three public budget workshops for the Faculty Enhancement Grant program.

So far this year, the Committee has received 320 separate travel grant proposals of which 72 are currently under review. Of the remaining 248 requests, 199 were either fully or partially funded by the Committee. The largest single cause for denial of funding was lack of documentation in the proposals. The other chief cause of partial funding is when the total requests of equal academic merit exceed resources, in which case a proportion allocation of resources is performed.

Spring term is a very busy time for the Committee as the Committee has 94 Faculty Enhancement Grant proposals to review, evaluate, and fund,; whose requests total roughly 225% of available resources. The Committee hopes to complete the review, evaluation, and funding process by May 25, 2011. This spring, the Committee also will be administering an additional travel grant round, whose deadline is May 6, 2011 and will also be completing the Peer Review process. Details on those activities will be found in the Committee's June report to the Senate.

Respectfully submitted-

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