

TO: Faculty Senate
FM: Amy E. Ryken, Chair, University Enrichment Committee (UEC)
RE: University Enrichment Committee Annual Report (2004-2005)
April 11, 2005

Committee Members: Ethan Allured (student member), Rob Beezer (secretary), Derek Buescher, Michael Casey, George Erving, John Finney, Lauren Hayslett (student member), Diane Kelley, John McCuiston, Mark Reinitz, Amy Ryken (chair), Eric Scharrer, David Smith, Ted Taranowski, Jeff Tepper, Jerry Yonkman

Major Activities of the Committee:

1) Reviewed proposals for travel and research grants and dispersed funds according to UEC guidelines. John Finney supported the committee's work by ably processing and tracking a wide range of applications. Below is data on the number of applications and awards made, note that a number of major review deadlines are still to come.

Research Grants:

Undergraduate Summer Research in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences:
32 applications, 21 funded
Undergraduate Students (major review deadline still to come)
Graduate Students (major review deadline still to come)
Faculty (major review deadline still to come)

Travel Grants (funded to date):

Undergraduate Students: 29 trips funded so far
Graduate Students: 6 trips funded so far
Faculty: 76 trips funded so far

2) Reviewed 16 faculty release time proposals, ranked the proposals, and forwarded recommendations to Dean Bartanen.

3) Register Lecture. Selected Susan Owen, Distinguished Professor of Communication Studies as the 2006 Lecturer. Hosted the 2004 Lecture, entitled *Cana and the Fifth Gospel: Jesus, Jews, and Christian Memory*, presented by Douglas Edwards, Distinguished Professor of Religion. Mott Greene, John Magee Professor of Science and Values will be the 2005 Lecturer.

4) Sought and received a \$7,000 increase for faculty travel in the budget review process. Raised lodging and meal support from \$110 to \$125 per night and the ground transportation support from \$30 to \$40. New limits will be a maximum total of \$1350 for domestic travel and \$1570 for international travel.

5) Revised the eligibility requirements for faculty release units, clarifying the proposal requirements.

6) Developed and pilot tested a review process for undergraduate summer research grants whereby students receive written feedback and the proposals are read by only three committee members. During the pilot members identified the need to revise and clarify the summer

research application guidelines and to further discuss pros and cons of providing written feedback to students.

7) Developed the concept of a web page listing student research and travel awards. The intent of this page is to serve as a resource for undergraduates applying for research grants and to make prospective students aware of student research opportunities. Web page is currently under construction and will be reviewed by committee members in the fall.