

**University Enrichment Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 11 March 2015, 8 AM – 9 AM
Misner Room – Collins Memorial Library**

Attendees:

Dawn Padula (Chair), Kabir Jensen, Roger Allen, Aaron Pomerantz, Erin Colbert-White, Jess Smith, Terry Beck, Mark Martin, Randy Worland and Sunil Kukreja.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 18 February 2015 meeting were approved.

Agenda Items Discussed:

Agenda Item #1: Subcommittee assignments.

The Faculty Awards Subcommittee (following Phibbs Committee structure) will be composed of Randy Worland, Roger Allen (as Chair), and Jess Smith. Their work will be simplified as (i) there were only four applications, and (ii) resources exist to fund all four of them. This subcommittee will report at the next UEC meeting.

The Student Awards Subcommittee will be composed of Terry Beck, Mark Martin, Erin Colbert-White (as Chair), Aaron Pomerantz and Kabir Jensen.

Agenda Item #2: Discussion regarding points of clarification and process brought up during the January meeting with OT and proposed process revision (moderated by Terry Beck).

Terry Beck gave an overview of the situation and history regarding the concerns of OT faculty regarding process, and brought a rubric (devised from the current published guidelines in the UEC student research application) that he felt could provide objective criteria for decision making. There was detailed and wide-ranging discussion by all committee members of how to adjust or restate the criteria to best fit the goals of UEC project selection. In addition, many committee members suggested language changes to better cover the range of types of student research projects (as “one size fits all” seldom does). Sunil Kukreja and Dawn Padula emphasized that it is important to “match” the language in the rubric to language in the UEC application guidelines, and therefore, small changes in word selection will be made to the UEC application for this purpose. It was also suggested that publishing the finalized rubric would be useful in helping students to better craft and develop applications. Beck pointed out that giving feedback to applicants could also be possible via this rubric. Beck will edit the rubric per the discussion had and comments made and will resubmit to the committee for approval at the next meeting. It was also suggested that this semester’s student research subcommittee could use the

finalized version of the rubric in a trial manner, noting that it mirrors the current application guidelines that are already in place.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion of Faculty Senate Charge #2: Continue to pursue the implementation of a Scholarship Award that parallels the existing Teaching Awards.

This agenda item will be discussed at the next UEC meeting due to time constraints.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark O. Martin