

**University Enrichment Committee Minutes
October 17, 1997**

1. Meeting called to order by Bill Barry, Chair.
2. Minutes of the September 16, 1997 UEC meeting approved.
3. Discussion of Dean Cooney's response to UEC's proposal submitted last Spring '97. In promotion of faculty scholarship, the UEC proposed the following:
 - a. to "de-link" the Lantz from sabbaticals to accommodate a more realistic time frame for some faculty's productivity.
 - b. to give junior faculty 1 unit of release time from their teaching load to facilitate their scholarly work.
 - c. to provide junior faculty the opportunity to apply for Martin Nelson awards after a successful 3-year review.

Dean Cooney responded on September 24, 1997 to Bill Barry, for the UEC. Cooney suggested that the first two (a & b) proposals should be submitted to the Faculty Senate, and that the third (c) suggestion is something he may consider after further consultation.

After discussion, it was concluded that the UEC will write a proposal for review by Faculty Senate. This proposal will focus primarily on enhancing junior faculty opportunities for scholarly work, including an increase in the number of release units and shifting the number of faculty awards so that more Martin Nelsons are given than Lantz awards (e.g. 3 Lantz; 10 Martin Nelsons)

4. Summer Research Awards for Students in the Social Sciences and Humanities: John McGuistion suggested that more specific criteria be included for those faculty submitting visual or performance arts proposals. His suggestions were adopted and will be included in the criteria.
5. Discussion on whether or not a student can simultaneously apply for a summer Murdock award and a summer Research Award in the Social Sciences and Humanities. It was decided that students must choose to submit their proposal for either a Murdock or a Research Award in the Social Sciences and Humanities. In other words, if a student applies for a Murdock award he/she is ineligible for a Research Award in the Social Sciences and Humanities, and vice-versa.
6. Visiting Assistant Professors. Grace Kirchner, Chair of Faculty Senate, requested UEC to review the issue that Visiting Assistant Professors are not eligible for University funds for professional development. After discussion, UEC concluded existing policies are appropriate.
7. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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