

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC AND APPELLATE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

2016-2017 Academic Year

COMMITTEE: Teaching Grants

1. Membership (include ex-officio members).

Sviatoslav Archava, Toyin Babatunde (Chair), Jo Ann Goot Balanay, Jessica Christie, Xiangming Fang, Paul Hager, Melissa Hudson, Misun Hur, Pamela Lepera, Richard Miller, Ravi Paul, Borim Song, Mark Sprague (Secretary), Laureen Tedesco (Vice-Chair), Leonard Trujillo, Christina Tschida, and Richard Williams.
2. Meeting Dates (include members present and those who contributed to committee action, but were not at the meeting)

Aug. 31 (organizational meeting): *Regular members present:* Archava, Balanay, Babatunde, Hager, Hur, Sprague, Tedesco, Tschida; *ex-officio members present:* Hudson, Paul, Williams; *others present:* John Stiller, Lori Lee

Dec. 15 (proposal-ranking meeting): *Regular members present:* Archava, Babatunde, Balanay, Christie, Hager, Lepera, Song, Sprague, Tedesco, Tschida, Williams. *Ex-officio members present:* Hudson.

Jan. 25 (final rank of proposals): *Regular members present:* Babatunde, Christie, Fang, Hager, Tschida, Sprague; *ex-officio members present:* Hudson, Paul, Song. Rankings were approved by 11 regular and four ex-officio members via e-mail.

Mar. 30 (Revision of grant application) *Regular members present:* Babatunde, Hager, Hur, Sprague, Tedesco, Tschida. All but one committee member (Lepera) approved the revision via e-mail.
3. Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).

None.
4. Accomplishments during the year, especially as addressed through committee goals. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.
 - Secured funding commitments from Provost Mitchelson and Vice Chancellor Horns, to gain an initial sense of how many proposals might be funded.
 - Evaluated 34 teaching grants proposals from a range of disciplines (five in Arts and Humanities, four in Business, four in Education, five in Engineering and Technology, six in Health Sciences, two in Math, two in Science, and six in the Social Sciences).

- Ranked the 29 of those that met proposal guidelines and recommended the 12 highest-ranked proposals for funding.
- Of those, Provost Mitchelson approved seven for funding, comprising \$78,561 in summer stipends for eight faculty members and \$2,840 in operating funds; and Vice Chancellor Phyllis Horns of Health Sciences approved \$7,850 in project expenses for one proposal.
 1. Steven Wolf, Physics, "Practicing Physics in the Laboratory," \$10,000 summer stipend plus \$200 operating expenses
 2. Sungwoo Ahn and Jungmin Choi, Mathematics, "Enhancing Student's Mathematical Learning and Writing Skills," \$2,640 operating expenses
 3. Luis Sensi, School of Dental Medicine. "Development of an interactive hands-on exercise for enhanced learning of light-curing procedures by dental students," \$7,850 project expenses.
 4. Birgit A. Jensen, Foreign Languages & Literatures, "Development of Interactive Pre-class Modules to Improve Active Learning in GERM 2003," \$10,000 summer stipend.
 5. Cheryl Johnson and Bernice Dodor, Human Development and Family Science, "Strengthening Students' Critical Thinking and Career Preparation Skills for Working with Families and Communities Using Case Study Profiles and Critical Thinking Simulations for HDFS 3215 *Family as Consumer* and HDFS 4390 *Family Resource Management*," \$10,000 two summer stipends.
 6. Peng Li, Engineering and Technology, "Developing New Cybersecurity Labs on Private and Public Clouds," \$10,000 summer stipend
 7. Heather Ries, Mathematics, and Catherine Schwartz, Education, "Increasing Elementary Teachers' Content Knowledge about Number Theory," \$10,000 and \$8561 summer stipends
 8. Damon L. Rappleyea & Andrew S. Brimhall, Human Development and Family Science, "Relationship Check-ups: Training Emerging Therapists the Innovative Art and Science of Single Session Therapy," two \$10,000 summer stipends.
- Extensively revised the teaching grants application, clarifying instructions that seemed problematic for this year's applicants, ensuring consistent ordering of information throughout the instruction packet, and providing a "fillable forms" Word document for the application cover page.
- Secured Faculty Senate approval of the revised grant application, 4-25-17.

5. Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).

Annual report, 1 May 2017.

6. Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

The committee would like the Provost and the Chancellor of Health Sciences to consider increasing the budget to enable additional worthy projects to be funded.

7. Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).
- A. *Charge*: The charge was clear and enabled us to eliminate some proposals that seemed more aligned with research than teaching.
 - B. *Personnel*: Committee members' diverse academic fields and areas of gifting stimulated productive debate about proposals and about revisions needed for the application. The range of perspectives helped the group to adjust its initial rankings of proposals for an informed consensus.
 - C. *Attendance*: Attendance—in person or via e-mailed rankings and comments—was strongest at the most important meeting, the December meeting to rank proposals. We failed to obtain quorum for the follow-up meeting in January but were able to confirm final rankings—slight adjustments to the earlier list—via e-mail.
 - D. *Responsibilities*: The committee has a manageable set of responsibilities that it fulfilled capably and on time.
 - E. *Activities*: In addition to its primary charge of ranking proposals and making recommendations to the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, the committee did significant work in revising its application form to streamline the application process and more clearly communicate committee expectations.
8. Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the effectiveness of the committee.
- None.
9. Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year? **No.** If yes, when do you prefer: n/a

Signed: Chairperson *WBules*

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 Laureen Tedesco

Vice Chair

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Secretary