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

**2021-2022 Academic Year**

**COMMITTEE: Teaching Grants**

Membership (include ex-officio members).

**Members:** Sungwoo Ahn, Aundrea Oliver, Julie Stanley, Armin Krishnan, Ranjat Argawala, Jakob Jensen, Heather Muise, Africa Hands, Gera Miles, Linda Quick, Jayme Host, Janet Sanders.

**Ex Officio Members:** Kristen Cuthrell, Brittany Thompson, Young Kim, Yeliz Eseryel.

Meeting Dates (include members present).

**09-14-2021:** Sungwoo Ahn, Africa Hands, Young Kim, Armin Krishnan, Heather Muise, Aundrea Oliver, Janet Sanders, Julie Stanley, Brittany Thompson.

**12-07-2021:** Kristen Cuthrell, Yeliz Eseryel, Africa Hands, Aundrea Oliver, Julie Ann Stanley, Heather Muise, Sungwoo Ahn, Jake Jensen, Linda Quick, Jayme Host, Janet Sanders, Brittany Thompson.

**03-16-2022:** Africa Hands, Young Kim, Armin Krishnan, Linda Quick.

Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work). *None.*

Accomplishments during the year. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate.

*The committee inquired about available funding and funding levels from the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences; the committee reviewed and modified the submission guidelines; the committee sent out a request for proposals for 2022-23 after receiving confirmation about available funding; the committee reviewed 16 received teaching grant proposals; the committee ranked all eligible proposals; the committee strategized how to maximize the number of proposals that could be funded since the initial estimate for approved funds was slightly lower than in the previous year; the committee sent the recommendations for proposals to be funded to the Provost's Office and the VC for Health Sciences; the committee provided detailed feedback to all applicants; and the committee answered a variety of inquiries from applicants and grant recipients. The committee reviewed and evaluated six progress and five summative reports from the previous application cycle. The committee investigated ways of improving the visibility, relevance, and attractive of the teaching grants. The following six proposals have received funding:*

**Funded by the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences:**

1. *Tiffany Peters: "A Quantitative and Qualitative Comparison of the Effectiveness of Two Virtual Autonomy Atlases in Teaching Gross Anatomy"*

**Funded by the Provost for Academic Affairs:**

1. *John Pickard and Ciprian Popoviciu: "Developing a Fully Virtualized Lab Infrastructure to Reduce Lab Cost, Provide Support for a Wider Range of Courses, and Improve Student Experience"*
2. *Kathy Lohr and Christy Rhodes: "Create and Integrate Podcasts Into Adult Education Courses to Demonstrate Critical Reflection and Self-Directed Learning While Enhancing Online Social Media Presence"*
3. *Bhibha Das and Lauren Sastre: "Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of KINE 4001: Health Coaching – An Interdisciplinary Approach"*
4. *Kyle Summers: "Virtual Games in Evolutionary Biology: Dinosaur Trees Lab"*
5. *Jinkun Lee: "Development of Hands-On Laboratories for Synergetic Engineering Education"*

Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers). *None.*

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

- *Discuss and approve changes regarding the change of language for the eligibility of projects proposed by medical and dental faculty.*
- *Contribute to the OFE New Faculty Newsletter by featuring a recently completed teaching grants project. Work with Sarah Williams on producing an interview with a recent TG awardee.*
- *Prepare an information session for the middle to late of September – coordinate with Sarah Williams before the start of the fall semester.*
- *Prepare a Flyer that advertises the teaching grants announcement in the upcoming academic year. Perhaps work with Creative Services.*

Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).

- A. *Charge: The charge of the committee was executed.*
- B. *Personnel: The committee was composed of members with diverse expertise and representing a wide range of disciplines to effectively execute the charge.*
- C. *Attendance: The two main committee meetings in September and December were attended well enough for a quorum. Overall committee attendance was lower than in previous years.*
- D. *Responsibilities: The committee has a clear and adequate set of responsibilities.*
- E. *Activities: The committee evaluated a total of 16 received proposals and recommended five for funding; as more than expected funding was available a total of six proposals were funded by the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and the Provost for Academic Affairs. Comments with feedback were communicated via e-mail to all applicants by the chair of the committee. The committee investigated how the number of teaching grant applications could be increased by way of advertising and/or broadening the eligibility criteria. It was decided to work*


*with the Office of Faculty Excellence to advertise the grant opportunity and to make some changes in the eligibility criteria in order to make the grant more relevant to medical and dental faculty. An initial idea of opening the grants to nine-month part-time or fixed term faculty was rejected by the Provost's Office.*

Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty for improving the effectiveness of the committee.

*None.*

Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?  
If yes, when do you prefer:

Signed: Chairperson: Armin Krishnan (Armin Krishnan)

Vice Chair:  (Aundrea Oliver)

Secretary: NA

**Please forward the completed, approved annual report to the Faculty Senate office via email ([facultysenate@ecu.edu](mailto:facultysenate@ecu.edu)) no later than May 15, 2022.**