

Faculty Research and Publication Board (FRPB)
Final Report to the Senate
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Background and Membership: The Faculty Research and Publications Board (FRPB) is a representative faculty board that functions to encourage faculty research, publication, scholarly activities, and artistic productions, and to fulfill the duties assigned to it by the Board of Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado as set forth in the Board Policy Manual. FRPB voting membership currently consists of one faculty representative from each college; three additional faculty representatives elected at large; one faculty representative from the University libraries; one faculty representative selected by the Faculty Senate, and one graduate student representative selected by the President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). Four non-voting advisory members are also named to the board, including the AVP for research or designee, the FRPB administrator, Academic Dean appointed by CAO, and the OSP Director or designee. Currently the AVP-R and OSP Director is a joint appointment for a single individual.

The board is charged with establishing criteria and reviewing applications for some of the internal funding programs available on our campus (see details below). Representatives are also tasked with assisting colleagues in their various colleges, schools or departments in proposal development or revisions. In addition, this board solicits nominations, reviews dossiers and votes for the A.M. & Jo Winchester Distinguished Scholar Award, which is presented to the recipient at a banquet held each spring. The board takes the peer review process quite seriously, and works diligently to publicize and apply consistent criteria to a diverse pool of proposals. The board makes an effort to treat proposals equally from all disciplines across campus, so as not to favor disciplines with consistent histories of external funding. The FRPB is als

proposals and administering funds. In addition, Sherry has been able to provide continuity to a board that sees regular turnover. The board greatly appreciates the time and attention to detail that Sherry brings to meetings and to the review process in general.

Funding Activity:

The board met nine times over the academic year to discuss and recommend policies related to internal funding, review grants and make awards. We reviewed 186 proposals (up from 142 in FY 14/15) and awarded 117 grants. Details of the awards are included in the tables below. Lists of successful grantees can be seen at the Office of Sponsored Programs SharePoint site.

Awards Distributed by Funding Round 2014-15

| Program | # proposals | # awards | \$ requested | \$ awarded |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Fall PAT (Provost Award for Travel) | 45 | 30 | 78,976 | 51,039 |
| Fall NPP (New Project Program) | 11 | 6 | 41,751 | 27,082 |
| Fall RDFD (Research, Dissemination and Faculty Development) | 13 | 8 | 84,453 | 65,323 |
| Winter PAT | 52 | 28 | 112,311 | 49,839 |
| Spring NPP | 8 | 6 | 36,349 | 27,384 |
| Spring RDFD | 15 | 8 | 74,150 | 51,793 |
| Spring PAT | 42 | 31 | 88,839 | 71,086 |
| TOTALS | 186 | 117 | 516,829 | 346,052 |

**Annual Totals for Each Program for 2013-2014
Fund**

scholarly activity on our campus so that we can explain the complex funding environment to faculty in our respective colleges who contact us regarding proposal development, and FRPB is generally positive about the overall increase in funding available on our campus. The board has worked especially hard throughout the past year to communicate pro-actively with faculty about the need to adhere very strictly to the published guidelines for each program we administer and to make a compelling case for the value of their activity not only to their own scholarship but to the wider university community; we also frequently refer faculty to other programs as appropriate.

Improvements were made to the website regarding information about competition deadlines, proposal guidelines, and the purpose of each competition. Throughout the year 27 were triaged due to non-compliance with posted guidelines. Consequently, a couple of

with Provost Wacker to request additional FRPB funds. Although we were not able to negotiate an increase in the FRPB budget, we came to a compromise. Previously unused FRPB award funds returned to the main UNC funding river. Henceforth, Sherry May, FRPB Administrator, will be able to reclaim these unused monies. The amount of unused money typically returned to the river is substantial (>\$20,000). The ability to reclaim these monies will effectively increase the FRPB budget and allow us to fund more faculty research and conference travel. The FRPB board is go. 0 bud FRPB board le to

Provost's Office in making funds available for internal faculty awards. These funds allow faculty to develop proposal-writing skills, take the risk of developing new projects, travel to professional conferences, and engage in research and other scholarly activities that benefits UNC. We are also grateful for the excellent support provided by Ms. Sherry May and Dr. Robert Houser from the Office of Research, who make it possible for the board to function and who coordinate this very needed and useful program.