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Research Committee

Annual Report

2000-2001

The following faculty members comprised the University Research Committee for the Academic Year 2000-2001:

Christopher R. Clason, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (Chair)
 Sitaramayya Ari, Eye Research Institute
 Jim Cipielewski, School of Education and Human Services
 Randy Gu, School of Engineering and Computer Science
 Randal Hansen, (*ex-officio*), Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Study
 Kenneth Hightower, School of Health Sciences, Winter Semester
 Robert Jarski, School of Health Sciences, Fall Semester
 Charles Lindemann, Department of Biological Sciences, Winter Semester
 Kathleen Moore, Department of Chemistry, Fall Semester
 Cynthia Schellenbach, Department of Psychology
 Ananda Sen, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
 Karen Sheridan, Department of Music, Dance and Theater
 Teresa, Thompson, School of Nursing

The Committee met regularly on a weekly basis, in the Fall Semester from Thursday, October 19, 2000 through Friday, December 15, 2000; and in the Winter Semester from January 18, 2001 through April 12, 2001. With few exceptions the meetings were held in Room 125 of the Oakland Center, on Thursday mornings from 8 a. m. until 10 a. m. The meetings were extraordinarily well-attended by practically all committee members.

We considered our charge to be four-fold:

- 1) to evaluate applications for internal funding for faculty fellowships and for various faculty and student grants;
- 2) to revise and streamline the application forms and procedures for such funding, to reflect our new web-based, application capacities.
- 3) to host the three President's Colloquia held during the current academic year;
- 4) to select the awardees for the President's Colloquia for the academic year 2001-2002, as well as the awardees of the New Investigator Research Excellence Award and the Research Excellence Award.

During the Fall Semester, the Committee evaluated some thirty-eight faculty summer research fellowship applications and awarded seventeen fellowships to the following faculty members:

Name / Department	Title
1. Henry Aigbedo, Decision and Information Sciences	"A Comparative Analysis of Assembly Line Scheduling Procedures for Minimizing Inventory Levels of Parts Outsourced to Vendors"
2. Karl Boelter, Music, Theatre and Dance	Preparation, rehearsal, recording and editing of the Violin Concerto by the Czech National Orchestra"
3. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Chemistry	"C-3'-Radical Initiated Strand Cleavage of Nucleic Acids"
4. Nicole Buffard-O'Shea, Modern Languages and Literatures	"Metaphor: Algerian Women Writers' Political Weapon"
5. Sara Chapman, History	"Private Ambition and Political Alliances: The Pontchartrain Family and Government in Louis XIV's France, 1680-1715"
6. Roman Dembinski, Chemistry	"Synthesis of Modified DNA Fragments: Perfluoroalkyl Nucleotides - Potential Drugs"
7. Robert Goldstein, Political Science	"The Struggle for Democracy in Nineteenth-Century Europe"
8. Laila Guessous, Mechanical Engineering	"Effect of Frequency on Pulsatile Turbulent Flows: A Computational Approach"
9. Qingchong Liu, Electrical and Systems Engineering	"Modulation and Coding for Broadband Wireless Communications"
10. Mark Metzler, History	"Global Money and the Crisis of Liberalism: The International Gold Standard and the Doctrine of Induced Depression in Newly Industrializing Japan, 1919-1932"
11. Jude Nixon, English	"Race and the Victorians: The Black Experience in Victorian Literature"
12. Kathleen Pfeiffer, English	The Complicated Friendship of Jean Toomer and Waldo Frank"
13. Arline Savage, Accounting and Finance	"Social Disclosure on Animal Testing in the Annual Reports of Public Companies"
14. Cynthia Sifonis, Psychology	"High-level influences on the determination of the parts making up categories of events"

15. Ana Maria Spagnuolo, Mathematics and Statistics	"Nuclear Contaminant Transport in Porous Media"
16. John Paul Spicer-Escalante, Modern Languages and Literatures	"The Argentine Generacion del 80: Literary and Social Texts"
17. Christopher Warley, English.	"Social Distinction and Literary Form in Spenser's Amoretti and Epithalamion and The Faerie Queene Book III"

The committee evaluated grant proposals during the Winter Semester. The following faculty received Research Special Project Grants:

Name	Title	Amount
1. Baruch Cahlon, Mathematics and Statistics	"Face Recognition: Cognitive and Computational Processes"	\$1500
2. Laurie Eisenhower, Music, Theater and Dance	"A Decade of Dance"	\$1300
3. Ronald Finucane, History	"Analyzing the Natural and Supernatural Worlds in the Late Sixteenth Century: The Alleged Miracles of Raymund de Penafort"	\$1000
4. Sherman Folland, Economics	"Equality and Efficiency in Communist Health Systems Before the Fall: What do the Data Tell Us?"	\$1000
5. William Keane, CIL	"Authoring of a book about the role and function of Educational Service Agencies (ESAs) in American education"	\$1000
6. David Kidger, Music, Theater and Dance	"Adrian Willaert: A Guide to Research"	\$1000
7. Kerro Knox, Music, Theater and Dance	"Classical Theatre Study in Greece"	\$1000
8. Barbara Mabee, Modern Languages and Literatures	"Translating and Arranging German Staging of James Still's Drama And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank"	\$1000
9. Lynetta Mosby, Sociology and Anthropology	"Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis"	\$500
10. Austin Murphy, Accounting and Finance	"An Empirical Test of a Model of Callable Straight Bonds"	\$1000
11. Meir Shillor, Mathematics and Statistics	"Hosting the NUMPDES/2001 meeting at Oakland University"	\$1000
12. Stephen Wright, Mathematics and Statistics	"Seminar on Industrial Mathematics and Statistics: Noise and Vibration in Mechanical Systems"	\$1000

One Meadowbrook Hall Research Conference Grant was awarded to Eric Follo from CIL for the Conference on: "Linkage of course work and field work in the preparation of teachers for diversity" for \$2800.

Twelve Student Research Grants were awarded for a total of \$5455. Seven student applicants were granted Student Research Travel Grants for a total of \$2800.

From an outstanding group of candidates, the Research Committee chose David Maines as the recipient of the Research Excellence Award, and Kathleen Pfeiffer as the recipient of the New Investigator Research Excellence Award.

There were three awardees for the President's Colloquium this year: Virinder Moudgil, Albert Meehan and Barry Winkler.

Finally, the Research Committee spent a number of meetings and a good deal of time revising the rules and guidelines for grant applications. The results of these guidelines revisions are available on the Oakland University Research webpage and in the booklet that the faculty received at the beginning of the Fall Semester 2001.

It was a great pleasure to serve on the Research Committee, and an especially great honor to serve as the chair over this past year. The committee was composed of some of the most dedicated, capable and professional individuals I have ever met at Oakland University. Furthermore, the opportunity to become aware of the fine research the faculty of Oakland University conducts has been inspiring and motivating for my own career. I wish to thank the Senate for giving this opportunity to me.

Submitted by,
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October 4, 2001



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