

Instructional and Research Support Committee Meeting November 12, 2010

Present: Kevin Lavery, Acting Chair, Heidi Petry, Co-chair, Wayne Au, Munehiro Fukuda, and Peter Littig

Absent: Michael Goldberg

Ex Officio: Carolyn Brennan and David Goldstein

Kevin Lavery agreed to serve as Acting Chair for the first meeting of the IRSC, Heidi Petry has agreed to serve as Co-Chair of the IRSC in a reporting capacity to the GFO Executive Council.

Carolyn Brennan opened the meeting with a discussion of the UW Bothell Internal Pilot Study Grants in partnership with Royalty Research Fund (RRF). UWB will coordinate with the RRF grant program to utilize the RRF application and review process to fund meritorious but unfunded RRF proposals with research cost recovery dollars. The goals of the program are:

1. To advance new directions in research, primarily: (a) for faculty who are junior in rank, and/or (b) in cases where funding will provide opportunities to increase applicants' competitiveness for subsequent funding.
2. To support faculty development, particularly in disciplines for which external funding opportunities are minimal. Funding is not intended to support graduate student or post-doctoral research projects (although such trainees may participate in the proposed research – see RRF budget guidelines).

UWB eligible faculty (voting members of the GFO) are encouraged to apply for the RRF. Faculty will receive substantive feedback from the RRF on each proposal denied. The UWB Internal Pilot Study Awards will consider funding proposals that were not awarded RRF grants.

IRSC discussion points

- Grants are funded through royalties from technology licensing at academic institutions.
- Proposals may be re-submitted three times each period, in September and March.
- Faculty may apply for the Internal Pilot Study Award directly after the first RRF award is denied or re-submit the proposal after revisions based on the feedback to RRF and then apply for the UWB Internal Pilot Study Award if subsequent proposals are denied.
- This system seems to funnel control of research grants at UWB through the RRF, is this the process that we want at UWB?

Carolyn is asking the IRSC for support and involvement in the review of these internal grant proposals. The IRSC requests that criteria for the review of these grants be provided to the committee.

Carolyn also discussed the application process for up to \$500 to support research related expenses for faculty and lecturers at UWB. These grants will foster interdisciplinary communication, collaboration and increase awareness of work currently ongoing. These grants are funded through the Worthington endowments, the Worthington technology fund, the teaching fund and the UWB fund. This grant will fund research related expenses, taking the place of the TSEP (Teaching & Scholarship Enhancement Projects) funding.

IRSC discussion points

- Support for faculty teaching/research at UWB
 - Teaching Circles
 - Research Circles
- Is there still funding for teaching support, not only research support?
- Some UWB programs are funding travel expenses for faculty attending or presenting at conferences.
- Faculty do not need to participate in Circles to apply for this grant.
- Faculty presenting at a conference will have priority for funding.

These programs will provide internal funding at UWB in two ways

1. Internal Pilot Study Grants (second chance grants)
2. Worthington funding (just in time support)

CUSP also offers funding, Discovery Scholarships for faculty that teach in CUSP. These scholarships are funded through Academic Affairs. This funding promotes research in areas we are encouraging at UWB, undergraduate research and research for junior faculty.

IRSC motion

AU moved to pass the motion:

“The IRSC endorses the UW Bothell Internal Pilot Study Grants program.”

The motion was seconded, no further discussion.

Lavery called the question on the original motion. Hearing no objection, he called for a vote on it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

The next IRSC meeting will be scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant