Membership

The members of the 2012-2013 Research Council, their departments and terms:

Paul Spicer  Anthropology  2010-13
Judith Lewis  History  2010-13
Marvin Lamb  Music  2010-13
Michael McInerney  Microbiology/Plant Biology  2010-13
Lori Snyder  Psychology  2010-13
Dimitrios Papavassiliou  Chemical, Biological & Materials Eng.  2011-14
Suzanne Moon  History of Science  2011-14
Robert Cichewicz  Chemistry/Biochemistry  2011-14
Laurie Scrivener  University Libraries  2011-14
Younane Abousleiman  Geology/Geophysics  2012-15
Traci Carte  Management Information Systems  2012-15
Sheena Murphy  Physics/Astronomy  2012-15
Bing Zhang  Biology  2012-15

Ex-Officio Members:

Kelvin Droegemeier  Vice President for Research
Alicia Knoedler  Associate Vice President for Research, and Director of the Center for Research Program Development & Enrichment

Secretary:

Cindy Clark  Center for Research Program Development & Enrichment

Professor Judith Lewis joined the Council in January 2013 to complete the term for Marcia Haag, and Professor Robert Cichewicz joined the Council in November 2012 to complete the term for Ralf Schmidt.

Professors Spicer, Lewis, Lamb, McInerney and Snyder completed their terms at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. The 2013-2014 Chair of the Research Council was elected at the April, 2013 meeting and will be Dr. Sheena Murphy, Department of Physics and Astronomy.

The Faculty Senate Appointments to replace Paul Spicer, Judith Lewis and Marvin Lamb, and the Presidential Appointments to replace Michael McInerney and Lori Snyder will be forthcoming.

In accordance to the charge of the Research Council (January 7, 2004), appointments to the Council include two members in each of the following six areas and one member from Fine Arts:

a) Engineering: Younane Abousleiman and Dimitrios Papavassiliou
b) Physical Sciences: Robert Cichewicz and Sheena Murphy
c) Social Sciences and Education: Paul Spicer and Lori Snyder
d) Biological Sciences: Michael McInerney and Bing Zhang
e) Humanities and Arts: Judith Lewis and Suzanne Moon
f) Other: Laurie Scrivener and Traci Carte
g) Fine Arts: Marvin Lamb
**Activities (2012-2013)**

The primary activity of the Research Council during the 2012-2013 academic year was to advise and make recommendations to the Vice President for Research (VPR) pertaining to awards and honors under his administration, namely

- Faculty Investment Program (Up to $15,000)
- Junior Faculty Fellowships ($7,000 + Fringe)
- VPR Awards Program (4 awards of $2,500 each)
- George Lynn Cross Research Professorship (recommendation to President)
- Henry Daniel Rinsland Memorial Award for Excellence in Educational Research

A summary of the Research Council funding and award recommendations approved by the VPR for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 is available on the Research Council’s website. Statistics concerning the programs supported by the Research Council as of May 31, 2013 are attached.

The Research Council devoted much time and discussion to funding programs, award nominations and additional issues.

- **Faculty Investment Program (FIP)** – Last year, the Research Council folded the Small Grant program, the Large Grant Program and the Faculty Investment Program (FIP) $3,000 and Under into the Faculty Investment Program (FIP). The Faculty Investment Program provides funding on a competitive basis to develop and expand the scholarly (i.e., research and creative) activities of Norman campus researchers, including researchers associated with Norman Campus Programs at OU-Tulsa. The FIP is designed to provide maximum flexibility in meeting researcher needs via strategic investment of funds with a high degree of expectation and accountability. Ultimately, FIP is expected to enhance the national and international reputation of the University of Oklahoma via excellence in scholarship. The goal of obtaining external funding is not a requirement, but proposals are carefully evaluated for the contribution they make to a faculty member’s program of research, scholarship, or creative activity. The maximum award under the FIP is $15,000, and proposals are welcome in any amount up to the maximum. During fiscal year 2013, there were 62 FIP requests submitted to the Research Council, and 30 awards were funded for a total of $301,738. One award of $14,994 was declined because the faculty received an internal funding award from another program for the same project.

- **Junior Faculty Fellowship Program** – This program is designed to help new tenure-track faculty members establish their research/creative activity and make progress toward tenure by providing support in areas critical to the development of their programs. The program is restricted to tenure-track assistant professors who are in the first four years of their tenure-track position at the University. As a general rule, the $7,000 (plus fringe benefits) awards are used as summer (June and July) stipends to enable faculty members to carry out full time research during that period. However, the awards are not limited to summer stipends, and faculty members are urged to use the awards in a manner that provides maximum benefit to their research programs. This might include supplies, equipment, personnel and travel. A faculty member receiving an award is expected to make a one-month commitment to research during the summer. Faculty members who have not acquired a terminal degree by the deadline for application, associate and full professors, instructors, and visiting appointees are not eligible for this program. Also, because of the limited number of available awards, faculty cannot receive an award in consecutive years, and faculty who have other sources of summer salary support receive lower priority. In February 2013, 17 proposals were selected from 52 submissions to receive Junior Faculty Fellowships. Most requested the funds to be used for salary; however, there were a few faculty that submitted budgets that included supplies, resulting in differing award amounts. The amounts ranged from $4,146 to $9,632 and the total funding amount for the program was $151,188.

- **In addition to those internal funding programs administered through the Research Council, the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) provides additional funding opportunities for faculty through the Faculty Travel Assistance Program (FTAP), a matching funds program that allows faculty to request funds**
for travel to actively participate in conferences, to meet with collaborators and program officers, and to conduct research or collect data. The OVPR also supports faculty in their efforts to publish their research by providing funds through the Publication Support Program (PSP), another matching funds program that covers required costs associated with publishing.

- During this fiscal year, the Office of the Vice President for Research also created a new program specifically for projects based in Arts and Humanities. The Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship (AHFF) provides faculty the opportunity to focus on a scholarly and/or creative activity that significantly transforms the faculty member’s research program and makes notable contributions to the field. Current data regarding this program will be posted on the VPR website.

- The Council reviewed nominations and made recommendations to the Provost for the George Lynn Cross Research Professorship and the Henry Daniel Rinsland Memorial Award for Excellence in Educational Research. They also made recommendations to the VPR for the VPR Outstanding Research Impact Award and the VPR Outstanding Research Engagement Award.

- The Research Council’s website now lists award information for all of the Research Council grant and award recipients.

- During the 2014 fiscal year, the Research Council will be reviewing and revising the guidelines for the Henry Daniel Rinsland Memorial Award for Excellence in Education Research to clarify the nomination and selection criteria.

- During the summer of 2013, the Research Council will also be revising the FIP guidelines to clarify various parts of the proposal process. In an effort to better track and make the FIP proposal submission process more efficient, the Center for Research Program Development and Enrichment will develop an online submission process for proposals.

- The Research Council will also be working with the Faculty Senate in Fall 2013 to re-balance the Research Council membership to more accurately reflect the disciplines represented by recent patterns among submitted proposals.

On behalf of the Research Council, the Chair would like to thank Vice President for Research, Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, for his enthusiasm, energetic leadership and unique vision in reshaping the research landscape at the University of Oklahoma. The Research Council also thanks Dr. Alicia Knoedler, Associate Vice President for Research and Director of the Center for Research Program Development & Enrichment, for her efforts on behalf of the Council and for her support of the OU faculty in their efforts to produce quality research and creative activity. At the May meeting, the Vice President for Research presented the outgoing members (Paul Spicer, Judith Lewis, Marvin Lamb, Michael McInerney, and Lori Snyder), Dimitrios Papavassiliou (served 2011-2013), Suzanne Moon (served 2011-2013), Laurie Scrivener (served 2011-2013), Bing Zhang (served 2012-2013), Ralf Schmidt (served 2011-2012), and Marcia Haag (served 2010-2012) with clocks to show their appreciation for the members’ service.
### Faculty Investment Program

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