**RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**FUNDING REPORT on FALL 2013 ACTIVITIES**

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The RSPG Chair presented at the New Faculty Retreat on August 15, 2013, Adjunct Faculty Retreat on November 9, 2013 and a TLFL Brown Bag lunch on September 16, 2013 in order to introduce faculty to what the committee does and the type of projects and research it supports, as well as the application process. In addition the RSPG committee met September 10thto orient new committee members into the proposal evaluation process, answer any questions, and re-structure the scoring process of applications.

During the Fall 2013 term, the RSPG committee issued a request for proposals in the funding categories of Research, Instructional Improvement, and Hemingway Faculty Vitality. The deadline for applications was on October 21, 2013. By that date, the committee received 33 applications, representing most of the colleges on campus. On this occasion, no proposals from the Colleges of Health Professions nor Business & Economics were received. About 58% of the received applications requested funding for travel to either conduct research or present scholarly work in a conference. Eighteen proposals were directed to the Hemingway Faculty Vitality Fund ($27,151.10 requested), while fifteen applied for the RSPG/Instructional Improvement and Research funds ($55,547.83). The total amount of funding requests was $82,627.93, while the committee had $25,892 to allocate (about 31% of the total requested). The total of amount of funds to expend ($25,892) included $15,500 for research and instructional improvement (RSPG) projects, $10,392 for faculty vitality projects (HMWY).

The committee met on October 31, 2013 to consider the applications. The meeting was well-attended, and each proposal received a thorough review with discussion and deliberation. The decisions were difficult to make as the proposal pool was competitive, while the funds were extremely limited. After careful deliberation, the committee awarded—either partially or in full—14 of the 33 applications, and allocated a total of $25,892. The average amount of funding per proposal was $1,849.42. Unfortunately, several strong proposals were left without funding.

Details of the requests, awards, and the recipients with project titles are presented below.

RSPG Research/Instructional Improvement (All funds spent)

* Requests: 15 applications, total $55,476.83
* Awarded: 8 (53% of) applications; $15,500

Hemingway Faculty Vitality (All funds spent)

* Requests: 18 applications, total $27,151.10
* Awarded: 7 (39% of) applications; $10,392

Colleges Represented in the funding total:

*College # of applications Funds awarded % of total awarded*

COBS (3) $7,184.68 27.7

A&H (4) $7,016.60 27

COAST (2) $4,578.00 17.7

Education (2) $2,769.50 10.7

Library (1) $2,200 8.5

Science (2) $2,143.00 8.3

B&E (0) $0 0

Health Prof (0) $0 0

(18) $25,891.78

After the Fall 2013 funding decisions, the RSPG committee reports no remaining funds that will carry over to next semester.

The RSPG committee will accept applications for Spring 2014 in two calls for proposals. The first call includes the Hemingway Collaborative and Excellence Awards (deadline February 10, 2014). The second call for is for RSPG research and Instructional Improvement proposals as well as for the Hemingway Vitality, New Faculty, and Adjunct proposals (deadline March 24). More information about the awards is posted on the RSPG web site (<http://weber.edu/rspg>). The CFP with instructions and deadlines will be mailed to all faculty in the beginning of the spring semester and included in WSU Bulletins.

The RSPG committee looks forward to receiving applications and supporting faculty projects in the Spring of 2014.

***Fall 2013 RSPG Research and Instructional Improvement Grant Recipients***

Asensio, Isabel (Foreign Languages) Training the Trainers of Translations, $2,1600.

Chiou, Fred; Farner, Jeremy; Leatherbury, Megumi; Deceuster, Andrew; & Ingram, Raini (Engineering Technology) Team-based Engineering and Manufacturing Networked Summer Camps, $3,760.

Christian, Jim; Tinkham, Van, Greenberg, Jessica, & England, Jean-Louise (Performing Arts) "Picnic at Hanging Rock" Playwright/Composer/Director Collaboration, $2, 170.

Kinikin, JaNae & Christensen, Joanne (Library) Narration of the HeLIOS Tutorial, $2,200.

Morin, Molly (Visual Arts) Finding Form: Objects Born Digital, $1,011.60.

Santurri, Laura; Andrews, Adrienne, Biddle, Mark, & Berezay, Karlee (HPHP) A Needs Assessment of the LGBT Student Community at Weber State University using a Participatory Photovoice Approach, $1,170.

Schmolesky, Matthew (Psychology) Genetic sequencing to understanding personality traits and risk-taking behaviors, $3,450.

Wolf, Stephanie (Political Science) Life Amidst the Genocide, $1,158.18. This proposal was also funded from the Vitality fund ~ $1,661.50. Amount of total funding $2,819.68.

***Fall 2013 Hemingway Faculty Vitality Grant Recipients***

Bergeson, Craig (Foreign Languages) Presentation at 2014 International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, $1,675.

Hagan, Kirk (Engineering Technology) Paper Presentation at the Joint International Conference on Engineering Education and International Conference on Information Technology (ICEE/ICIT), $818.

Leytham, Patrick (Teacher Education) An Evaluation of the Nonverbal Reading Approach for Students with Autism, $1,1019.50.

Meyers, Ron (Zoology) Travel to Present at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology in Austin, Texas, $909.

Rich, Julie (Geography) Aeolian sedimentation and climatic implications of the St. Anthony Dunes, Idaho USA". Oralp presentation at Association of American Geographers Conference to be held in Tampa, FL April 2013, $915.

Skopec, Michele (Zoology) Presentation of research at Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting, $1,234.