

GRFC Report

Faculty Senate Meeting

11/1/2017

Goals, Mission and Concerns

Goals/Mission

- Encourage growth of scholarly and creative activity
- Particular interested in funding
 - Initial projects, which may lead to outside
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Current Concerns

- Updating proposal guidelines
- Overspent accounts
- Alignment of outcomes with goals

Proposal Guidelines

Current Proposal Guidelines and Outcomes

Proposal Guidelines

- Section 1: TITLE PAGE (1 page)
- Section 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION (9 pages)
 - Problem
 - Objectives
 - Literature Review
 - Procedure
- Section 3: BUDGET SUMMARY (1 page)
- Section 4: BUDGET JUSTIFICATION PAGE (1 or 2 pages)
- Section 5: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (1 or 2 pages)

Outcomes

- Fall 2017
 - Requested:
 - Proposals: 6 CoSTA, 1 Liberal Arts
 - Dollars: 85.7% CoSTA
 - Approved:
 - Proposals: 6 CoSTA
 - Dollars: 100% CoSTA
- 2016/2017 Academic Year
 - Approved Proposals: 12 CoSTA, 8 Liberal Arts, 2 Health and Human Services, 1 Education
 - Dollars spent: 61.3% CoSTA

Possible Solutions to Expand Proposals Beyond CoSTA

- Provide education to university community about the creative works aspect of GRFC funding
- Modify the proposal criteria
 - Have different criteria for traditional research and creative projects
 - Simplify and generalize the proposal criteria
 - Either of these options will lead to large changes in the organization of the GRFC Guidelines

Example Simplified Criteria: Faculty Mentored Student Research and Creative Works Program

- Summary
- Purpose of the Project
 - Statement of the problem.
 - Significance of the research or creative work to the academic discipline.
 - Objectives of the project.
 - Brief outline of existing work in the field and a description of how the proposal is related to this previous work.
- Project Design and Methods:
 - Data collection method.
 - Previous experience of the faculty member and student(s) related to the proposed project.
 - Description of how results will be disseminated.
 - Other Funding Sources
 - Detailed Budget and Justification
- Student Role in the Project

Not to exceed five pages (including references, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)

Overspent Accounts

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Problem

- 6 accounts were overspent on Oct 19, 2017
 - 1 account was current, the other 5 accounts expired between 6/30/2014 and 6/30/2017
 - Ranging from \$30 to \$2508.84
 - Totally \$3,724.03

Note: Banner allows deficit spending. The function cannot be changed for a subset of accounts.

Solutions ideas

- Require a backup PD or department index number for GRFC accounts
- Centralized expense approval process
- Have a grant accountant assigned to each award
- Create an award subcommittee to oversee the funded proposals

Alignment of Goals and Outcomes

Goals/Mission and Procedure

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Alignment Questions

- Do our current guidelines actually give priority to initial projects or projects do not have outside funding available?
- Should we have 2 “pots” of money?
- Should we limit the maximum of awards someone can receive?
 - If so, limit by open awards or by max number within a specified number of years?

“Homework”

- Please poll the faculty in your department
 - What is keeping you from applying for a GRFC award?
 - Are there any changes to the GRFC that you would like to see?
 - Suggestions for dealing with the overspending GRFC accounts?