

The Faculty Research & Publications Board (FRPB, the Board) is tasked with “encourag[ing] faculty research, publications, scholarly activities, and artistic productions” through the allocation of grant monies. During the 2010/11 year, the Board members were: Rashida Banerjee, CEBS; John Clinebell, MCB; Lory Clukey (Vice Chair), NHS; Annie Epperson (Chair), University Libraries; Michelle Athanasiou (Kathrine Hak, alternate during sabbatical), At-large; Cody Havard, GSA; Jeffrey Houser, At-large; Michael Kimball, Faculty Senate; Michelle Low, HSS; Valerie Middleton, At-large; Anna Ursyn, PVA . Michele Schwietz, new Director of Office of Sponsored Programs was appointed to the Board by the Chair.

The longest-standing pool of award money is now called the New Projects Program (NPP), in which up to \$2500 can be used as seed money for projects with the potential for large external grants. The NPP has Fall and Spring rounds, with approximately \$10,000 available each round. For the past four years the Board has also been responsible for allocating funds from the Provost, these are divided into two programs: Research Dissemination & Faculty Development (RDFD) and Provost Award for Travel (PAT). Each year the total dollars allocated to the Provost fund is divided between these two programs; in the 2010/11 year a total of \$300,000 was divided into two \$100,000 rounds of RDFD and three \$33,000 rounds of PAT.

During the fall semester the Board met four times, allocating just over \$105,000 in NPP, RDFD, and Travel grants.

FALL SEMESTER 2010	Funds allocated \$	Funded/received
	4,842	2/2
	66,031	10/18
	34,290	19/21

		Funded/received
	30,675	16/18
	48,074	20/26

Total grant funds allocated during 2010/11: \$291,021 (91%) out of a potential \$320,000. Of the 112 proposals received, 89 (79%) were funded, at least in part. Not all funds were completely allocated, since the review process is rigorous. Members of the board will at times elect to partially-fund a

proposal, not covering unallowable expenses. Proposals may be rejected because applications miss key elements, or are unsuitable for the fund under review. Part of the charge of the Board is to provide feedback to colleagues in an effort to encourage care and diligence appropriate for application for funds at a federal or private donor level; this educational component of Board membership can be among the most difficult aspect of our work.

Lists of successful grantees can be seen at the Office of Sponsored Programs website: