

Research Development and External Partnerships

End of Year Report

Date: 4/13/2021

Committee Membership:

- Thomas Brush (chair – Spring 2021)
- Gayle Buck (ex-officio)
- Mary Dwyer (ex-officio)
- Kevin Fosnacht
- Sarah Hurwitz
- Derek Nord
- Martha Nyikos
- Zoe Peterson
- Samantha Silberstein (student)
- Dubravka Svetina (chair – Fall 2020)
- Samantha Tirey (staff)

Meeting Dates:

Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, the committee met via Zoom on the following dates:

- September 21
- October 28
- November 16
- December 16
- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8

Goals and Charges:

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year, the RDEP Committee established two goals to guide its work. These included:

1. Reviewing applications from School of Education faculty for internal funding awards (e.g., Proffitt, Proffitt summer, Kempf, and Creative Paths to Peace)
2. Reviewing nomination materials for SOE annual achievement awards for research and external partnerships.

In addition, the Associate Dean for Research and Development brought several policy concerns to the committee for their discussion and review, including:

- A recommendation to move the review of the Tilaar internal award competition to the international committee.
- A request for recommendations for re-establishing the name of the Research, Development, and Innovations Office back to the Research and Development office.
- A request for recommendations for guidelines for assignment of Faculty Research Support Program (FRSP) review committees.

Actions and Outcomes:

- Recommendation to move review of the Tilaar internal award to the international committee was approved.
- Request for recommendation for re-establishing the name of the Research and Development office was approved.
- Guidelines for assignment of Faculty Research Support Program (FRSP) review committees were established and approved.
- An information/Q&A session was planned and conducted by RDEP committee members (via Zoom) to provide additional information and review criteria to faculty interested in submitting proposals for internal grant competitions.
- Internal grant proposals that were received in Fall 2020 were reviewed, with awards recommended for both the Proffitt summer competition and Creative Paths to Peace competition.
- Due to a low number of submissions, the internal grant competitions for Proffitt and Kempf were re-announced in Spring

2021. Proposals for these competitions were reviewed in April 2021 and awards recommended for both competitions.

- Application materials for faculty nominated for both the SOE Research Award and the SOE External Partnerships Award were reviewed by the RDEP committee. Recommendations for the winners of both awards were made to the Associate Dean for Research.

Recommendations for Future Action:

- The committee should continue to develop and improve the calls for all awards overseen by the R&D Office in order to increase faculty awareness and participation in the competitions.
- The committee should continue to examine and potentially revise guidelines for reviewing and awarding both the Research and External Partnership awards.