

Research, Development & External Partnerships

End of Year Report

Academic year: 2021-22

Date submitted: May 3, 2022

Committee Membership:

- Zoe Peterson, CEP, 20-22
- Sarah Hurwitz, Chair (Fall), C&I, 20-23
- Martha Nyikos, C&I, 20-23
- Jillian Kinzie, CPR, 21-24
- Daniel Hickey, CEP, 21-24
- Frank Perrone, ELPS, 21-24
- Victor Borden, Chair (Spring), ELPS, 21-24
- Samantha Tirey (Fall), Sean Price (Spring), Staff
- Shukufe Rahman, Student (never attended)
- Gayle Buc, Dean for Research & Development, Ex-Officio
- Mary Dwyer, Exec. Director of Development & Alumni Relations Ex-Officio (never attended)

Meeting Dates:

- September 15, 2021 – Elected chairs; set dates for meetings; reviewed principles; prepared for review of grant solicitations
- October 13, 2021 – Further discussed principles, discussed/finalized calls for proposals and award criteria, met Teresa Nichols, Proposal Development Specialist
- November 10, 2021 – Report on SoE Research Showcase; Update on grants; reviewed and updated rubrics; discussion of calls and solicitation grant/award process
- December 15, 2022 – meeting canceled (awaiting proposals)
- February 2, 2022- Review and grant applications and identification of recipients: Peace Application; Summer Proffitt; Proffitt
- March 28, 2022 - Review of Outstanding Research and External Partnership Awards nominees and selection of awardees; Additional Proffitt Summer grants reviewed and awarded.

For goals, charges, actions, and outcomes, please update the spreadsheet which can be found [here](#):

Recommendations for Future Action (please provide a bulleted list):

- Continue annual reviews of grant solicitations to ensure that grants are directed as intended to seed research for young scholars or those taking on new areas of research

- Administration of award process was somewhat “bumpy.” Chairs were inconsistent on nominating faculty. Awards across committees creates for some issues, especially given overlap in focus (e.g., RD&EP-Award for Outstanding Partnership and Collaboration with Award for Outstanding International Engagement (when partnerships/collaborations are international)).
- Outstanding Research Award – consider either revising or adding additional award so that younger scholars have a chance. Despite intentions, senior scholars are more likely to score large grants and have a generally more impressive record. There were younger scholars we would like to have recognized, but it’s hard to do so given criteria.

Other comments:

Staff transition across semesters, when chair changed, made things harder to track. It is helpful to have an RD&EP staff member that serves as committee logistical coordinator/scheduler.

Need to consolidate support materials files moved from Box to SharePoint (in Catherine Smith/from Box folders) and the new Teams ([Sec-E] BL-EDUC-Faculty Policy Council: Research, Development, and External Partnership Channel.)