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Annual Report for 2004 - 2005

Members

This report is being submitted by the Undergraduate Research Review Committee (Ed Crawley, Craig Johnson, John Meza, Martin Donahue, Christina Elvidge (Director of Honors and Fellowships) The purpose and function of the Committee is to solicit student proposals for funding, review and evaluate proposals, coordinate the annual Undergraduate Research Forum.

Soliciting Proposals

Calls for proposals were made through the faculty email list, the Honors and Fellowship newsletter, and through announcements at meetings of the Department Chairs.

Review and Evaluation of Proposals

Although, the Committee formally met four times during the academic year (9/16/04, 11/16/04, 2/7/04, 3/10/04) undergraduate research proposals and requests for funds for conference presentations were reviewed on an ongoing basis. We are happy to note that the number of requests for funding increased from last year. We were particularly happy to receive a request from a student from the Art Department. A list of the proposals that were reviewed by the Committee and funded through the Office of Honors and Fellowships are given below:

Student	Conference/Research Support
Dustin O'Keefe	UG Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences
Sarah Ciccone	Research
Bill Michlowski	Research
Kristin Schmeelck	Research
David Graf	Research
David Bruhn	Research
Matt Artz	Research
Claudia Astorino, Rich Barni	Research
Jo Anna Popielarski, Kathryn Galloway	Research
Rebecca Sparling	Southwest Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations
Elizabeth Gigantelli, Sarah Rusakiewicz	Eastern Psychological Association
Patricia Burzak	Eastern Psychological Association
Brian Kurilla	Eastern Psychological Association
Christina Reidy	National Conference on Undergraduate Research
Marissa Coccia	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Richard Mogavero	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Moriah Harding	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Amy Carachio	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Nicole Burke	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Sheri Kaushas	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Barbara Rohan	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Rebecca S. Dyer	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Eva Loncekova	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Rebecca A. Staab	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Kris Ketten	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Brent Louryk	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Jennifer Haynos	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Jessica Ryan	PA Association of Criminal Justice Educators
Sarah Dein	Research
Laurie Panick	Research
Rachel Dare	Peters Valley Craft Education Center

The Undergraduate Research Forum

As in past years the Undergraduate Research Forum included both a poster session and oral presentations. All students who receive funding were required to give an oral presentation of their scholarly activity. In total 67 students (an increase from 53 at last years forum), individually or as part of a group, presented their work at the Forum. The number of oral presentations declined slightly from last year (from

17 to 14) while the number of posters increased from 19 last to 28 this year.

Increasing participation. Last year the Committee focused on the need for the forum to be more inclusive and to try to get more participation from the College of Art and Creative Management. We continued emphasize that "research" in this context is broadly defined as any scholarly activity. Despite our best efforts to increase the diversity the forum continued to be dominated by Science, Social Science, and Psychology. One student from History participated in this year's forum. We also received one request for attendance at a summer workshop from an Art major. The committee is hopeful that funding this request will lead to more participation from CAM. This student will be required to speak about her experience at the 2006 forum.

Increasing attendance. This year's forum was well attended and as part of our continuing effort to increase attendance next years forum will be held on the same day as the graduate research forum.

Membership

One new member needs to be recruited since both Dr. Johnson (LAS representative) will be taking a one-year sabbatical.

Submitted by

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