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FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS 2006 WINNERS

The Faculty Grants Committee

announces the winners of the 2006 Faculty Research Grants Competition. Individual grants were made in two categories:

TYPE I. THIRD TERM RESEARCH STIPENDS

Christopher Armstrong	History of Art and Architecture
Kwame Botwe-Asamoah	Africana Studies
Kathleen Christian	History of Art and Architecture
Deborah Gould	Sociology
Bovey Lee	Studio Arts
Joshua Lund	Hispanic Languages and Literatures
Assata-Nicole Richards	Sociology
Jennifer Waldron	English
Amy Williams	Music

TYPE II. RESEARCH EXPENSE GRANTS

Bryan Hanks	Anthropology
Hugo Nutini	Anthropology
Paolo Palmieri	History and Philosophy of Science
Todd Reeser	French and Italian Languages and Literatures
Franklin Toker	History of Art and Architecture
Natasha Tokowicz	Psychology

A&S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006 - 1:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans Nicole Constable, James F. Knapp (Vice Chair), and Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Senior Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Professors Joseph Adjaye, Peter Koehler, Juan Manfredi, Kirk Savage, Jonathan Scott, and Franklin Toker; Mr. Jon Lafky

Not Attending: Professors Cecil Blake, Stephen Meriney, Vladimir Padunov, Marla Ripoll, and Peter Siska; Mr. Benjamin Cavallari

1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on January 23, 2006

Dean Cooper presented the minutes from the A&S Council meeting held on January 23, 2006. Professor Jonathan Scott mentioned an error in wording in section six of the minutes, stating that the word "restrictions" should be changed. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck also noticed an error in the attendance section of the minutes. Professor Peter Koehler put forth a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck and carried unanimously.

2. Dean's Report

Dean Cooper had nothing to report.

3. Introduction of Professor Jean Ferguson Carr as Replacement for Professor W. Stephen Coleman

Dean Cooper introduced Professor Jean Ferguson Carr of the English department as the replacement for Professor W. Stephen Coleman as the humanities rep-

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representative to the Council, and thanked her for agreeing to serve.

4. Report from A&S Undergraduate Council

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck reported that the next formal proposal deadline for the A&S-UC is April 1, 2006. She noted that there were four proposals for existing courses that wish to count as General Education Requirement courses, as well as two new course proposals. These proposals were discussed by the A&S-UC and recommendations were sent to Chairs. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck discussed a proposal that was put forth to change the description of the General Education Requirement for Natural Sciences. She reported that A&S-UC did not support that motion.

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck noted that as a result of his election to serve on the Provost's Area PBC and as Co-editor of the *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Professor Daniel Berkowitz resigned from A&S-UG. She noted that at its next meeting, A&S-UC will discuss his replacement.

Discussion ensued concerning the status of the proposal to change the General Education Requirement for the natural sciences. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck indicated that the proposal is no longer under active consideration.

A motion to accept the report of the A&S-UC was put forth by Professor Jonathan Scott. This motion was seconded by Associate Dean Constable and carried unanimously.

5. Report from A&S Graduate Council

Associate Dean Constable reported that the A&S-GC is continuing to review TA/TF training in the Departments of Computer Science and Communication. These reviews are expected to be completed in March. Associate Dean Constable noted that the A&S-GC received a proposal for an area of concentration in Sociolinguistics, and that the status of its review would be reported at the next meeting.

Professor Jean Carr put forth a motion to accept the report from the A&S-GC. This motion was seconded by Professor Peter Koehler and carried unanimously.

6. Review of Departmental Bylaws

Associate Dean Knapp reported to Council members that he has begun to send letters reflecting the suggestions of Council to Departments, and listed the departments that have not submitted their bylaws for review.

Associate Dean Knapp presented draft bylaws for the departments of Music, Anthropology, Physics and Astronomy, and History for review by Council. Associate Dean Knapp again emphasized that the main goal of requiring departments to maintain and follow bylaws is transparency.

7. Other Business

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">A&S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006 - 1:00 P.M.</p>

In Attendance: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans Nicole Constable and James F. Knapp (Vice Chair); Professors Cecil Blake, Juan Manfredi, Stephen Meriney, Marla Ripoll, Kirk Savage, Jonathan Scott, Peter Siska, and Franklin Tokar

Not Attending: Associate Dean Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Senior Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Professors Joseph Adjaye, Jean Carr, Peter Koehler, and Vladimir Padunov; Mr. Benjamin Cavallari and Mr. Jon Lafky

1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on February 13, 2006

Dean Cooper presented the minutes from the A&S Council meeting held on February 13, 2006. Associate Dean Constable requested that a change be made to reflect "an area of concentration" in Sociolinguistics. She then put forth a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. This motion was seconded by Professor Stephen Meriney and carried unanimously.

2. Dean's Report

Dean Cooper noted that the hiring and placement season for graduate students has been good. The Department of History and Philosophy of Science placed nine of its ten graduate students in tenure stream academic positions.

3. Report from A&S Undergraduate Council

Dean Cooper noted that he would be giving the A&S-UC report in Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck's absence. He reported that at its meeting on February 16, A&S-UC approved minor revisions to the Neuroscience major. The changes included the tightening of several pre-requisites, and the introduction of three capstone experience options. At its meeting on April

19, 2002, the faculty called on departments to implement discipline-appropriate capstone experiences—Neuroscience is now in compliance.

Dean Cooper reported that A&S-UC also revisited the existing course-proposal and general-education-course forms, and discussed possible changes to the forms that would take effect for the November 1, 2006 submission deadline. He noted that the Associate Dean is currently working with the A&S Data Team to develop an online proposal form that would enable a paperless proposal evaluation process; this necessitated a discussion of the existing forms. Currently, Departments are required to submit proposals to the Undergraduate Dean that are then distributed to Undergraduate Council members.

Undergraduate Council also began discussions on a set of evaluation criteria against which new course proposals could be measured. The intent is to announce the criteria to the faculty, so that they may better prepare proposals that will be well received by A&S-UC. This discussion was initiated by the Associate Dean toward the goal of building a stronger culture of assessment throughout the undergraduate curriculum.

The members of Council unanimously accepted the report of the A&S-UC.

4. Report from A&S Graduate Council

Associate Dean Constable reported that the A&S-GC met on February 6, 2006. At its February meeting the A&S-GC discussed a proposal for an area of concentration in sociolinguistics. Questions about the proposal were addressed by Professor Scott Kiesling and the proposal was endorsed by A&S-GC.

Associate Dean Constable reported that at its March meeting the A&S-GC continued to work on TA/TF training and evaluation. The A&S-GC also addressed a proposal for an MA in History Education, and after a long discussion the committee unanimously supported the proposal. The implementation of this program will take the main content of the master's degree in History and combine it with a teaching certificate in the School of Education. Associate Dean Constable noted that the budgetary impact of the program will be modest. The program fits into the existing structure and will need no extra teaching lines. She reported that students in the program would not be able to apply for teaching assistantships, and their tuition payments will help A&S generate the net graduate tuition revenues for which it is responsible.

The members of Council unanimously accepted the report of the A&S-GC.

5. Review of Departmental Bylaws

Associate Dean Knapp listed the departments that have not submitted their bylaws for review.

Associate Dean Knapp presented draft bylaws for the departments of Political Science, History of Art and Architecture, and Economics for review by Council. Associate Dean Knapp again emphasized that the main goal of requiring departments to maintain and follow bylaws is transparency.

Dean Cooper thanked Associate Dean Knapp for the excellent job he is doing in conducting this process.

6. Other Business

With no other business meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**A&S PLANNING AND BUDGETING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2006 - 1:30 P.M.

Attending: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans Nicole Constable, W. Richard Howe, James F. Knapp, and Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Senior Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Assistant Dean Barbara L. Vattimo; Professors Daniel Berkowitz, Stuart Hastings, Delanie Jenkins, and Alberta Sbragia; Ms. Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Ms. Kristen Flanagan, Ms. Dorothy Shallenberger, and Ms. Judy Stern

Not Attending: Professors Barbara McCloskey and Peter Siska; Mr. Robert Fagley and Ms. Donna Yurko

1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on February 6, 2006

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2006. Ms. Judy Stern put forth a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Delanie Jenkins and accepted unanimously.

2. Dean's Announcements

- **Robert Drennan**, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, was **featured by National Geographic** for his study on three ancient chiefdoms that existed in different parts of the world that was published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- **Adam Leibovich**, Assistant Professor of Physics, was **awarded an NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award**. Professor Leibovich will implement an education and outreach program for the physics and education students at the University of Pittsburgh as well as K-12 teachers in the surrounding area.

3. FY 2007 Budget Responsibility Center Planning Information

Dean Cooper provided the Committee with the "Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Responsibility Center Planning Information" developed by the Office of Financial Administration. This is an annual report of A&S expenditures over the year from the institutional level. This document serves as a valuable tool in constructing the Planning Document by providing information concerning Arts and Sciences undergraduate and graduate enrollment, data on student credit hour production, and the number of courses taken by Arts and Sciences majors. Dean Cooper led a review of the information in the document, and discussed current

Arts and Sciences revenues and expenditures noting the particular importance of sponsored research in the social and natural sciences.

4. Review Draft Sections of the Planning Document

Dean Cooper and Committee members reviewed draft versions of the International Education and Student Services sections of the Planning Document. Suggestions for changes were collected by Communications Director Carol Mullen, who will work with the Dean on the next draft.

5. Other Business

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**A&S PLANNING AND BUDGETING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 - 1:00 P.M.

Attending: Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans Nicole Constable, W. Richard Howe, James F. Knapp, and Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Senior Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Assistant Dean Barbara L. Vattimo; Professors Stuart Hastings, Delanie Jenkins, Alberta Sbragia, and Peter Siska; Ms. Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Ms. Kristen Flanagan, Ms. Dorothy Shallenberger, Ms. Judy Stern, and Ms. Donna Yurko

Not Attending: Professor Daniel Berkowitz and Barbara McCloskey; Mr. Robert Fagley

1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on February 17, 2006

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2006. Professor Stuart Hastings put forth a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Delanie Jenkins and accepted unanimously.

2. Dean's Announcements

Dean Cooper had nothing to report.

3. Review Draft Sections of the Planning Document

Dean Cooper and Committee members reviewed draft versions of the Budget, Information Technology, Diversity, and Assessment sections of the Planning Document. Suggestions for changes were collected by Communications Director Carol Mullen, who will work with the Dean on the next draft.

4. Other Business

Dean Cooper requested that the Committee convene once more for the final review of the Planning Document. The Committee agreed and Dean Cooper noted that Carol Mullen would circulate draft sections of the Planning Document before the next A&S-PBC meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

**A&S GRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 6, 2006

Attendees: Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Lisa Brush, Toby Chapman, Nicole Constable, Marcela Esqueda, Zsuzsa Horvath, Lewis Jacobson, Paula Kane, Leonard Plotnicov, Joanna Hastings Smolko, and Robert Walters. Not in attendance: Marcia Landy and J. Christopher May.

1. The November 18, 2005 minutes were reviewed, corrected, and unanimously approved. The Council unanimously approved the minutes with amendments.
2. **Proposal for PhD Sociolinguistics Area of Concentration in Linguistics.** Associate Dean Constable began by listing the requirements for an Area of Concentration application: the name of the individual initiating the proposal, the responsibility center wherein the change is to occur, the programs to be developed, the department affected by the change, and the date of the proposal. Also, a description of the academic requirements of the new program, a comparison with requirements of similar programs offered by the unit, and a discussion of new courses, internships, and research experiences must be introduced to offer the program. And finally, the effects, if any, that the proposed program will have on other units of the University should be included.

The Council was informed that an Area of Concentration does not appear on diplomas but is noted on the transcript. One main rationale for an area of concentration is that it documents students' specializations in their graduate programs. Linguistics already has three concentrations. The Department of Anthropology is currently hiring someone with a sociolinguistics background so this would be helpful for both departments.

There were several items the Council questioned. Associate Dean Constable will relay the Council's comments and questions to the Department of Linguistics and, once receiving their revisions, will circulate the information to the A&S Graduate Council for their final approval, then will forward it to A&S Council.

3. **TA/TF Reviews.** The first meeting was held last week with Computer Science. This afternoon the subcommittee will meet with the Department of Communication. All review sessions with both departments will be completed by February 13. Associate Dean Constable requested a draft by March 13 so that it can be reviewed before the March 20 meeting. This will enable the Council to request a response from departments by the April meeting.

4. **Dean's Announcements**

- a. The name change for the Molecular Biophysics Graduate Program (to Molecular Biophysics & Structural Biology) was approved by the Provost's Office on December 5, 2005.
- b. Associate Dean Constable mentioned that diversity contacts for departments have been established. Either a contact or the director of graduate studies has been designated to take on this responsibility.

5. **New Business.** No new business. Meeting was adjourned.

**A&S GRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2006**

Attendees: Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Lisa Brush, Toby Chapman, Nicole Constable, Marcela Esqueda, Lewis Jacobson, Paula Kane, Marcia Landy, Leonard Plotnicov, Joanna Hastings Smolko, and Robert Walters. Not in attendance: Zsuzsa Horvath and J. Christopher May.

- 1. The February 6, 2006 minutes were reviewed with some editorial amendments. Minutes were then unanimously approved.
- 2. **Proposal for PhD Sociolinguistics Area of Concentration in Linguistics.** Associate Dean Constable indicated that the A&S Graduate Council approved the corrected proposal and that it would be sent to the A&S Council for their next meeting on April 22.
- 3. **Proposal for new degree in History: Master of Arts in History Education** (Guest: Professor William Chase, Chair of the Department of History).

Associate Dean Constable reviewed the procedure with the Council. Once the A&S Graduate Council approves the proposal it will then go to the A&S Council, then to A&S-PBC, and then to UCGS.

Professor Chase provided an overview of the Master of Arts in History Education proposal. This proposal is to combine a Master of Arts in History and a Certificate in Instruction and Learning. One underlying motivation for this program is to ensure that secondary school teachers are trained to know U.S. and/or world history and to teach social studies or secondary history classes. This proposal aims to create a program to train students to better serve the public school com-

munity with the student having a teaching internship in the schools. Financial requests are minimal.

There was much enthusiasm for this proposal. Council members did not think it warranted requesting revision at this stage.

- 4. **Discussion of Graduate Faculty Nominations Criteria.** (Tabled until next meeting.)
- 5. **TA/TF Reviews.** The committees will meet after this meeting to discuss revisions. Reports will be circulated to Council via e-mail.
- 6. **Dean's Announcements.** Sandra Mitchell, Chair of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, will join us for the April 17 meeting regarding placement of PhDs.
- 7. **New Business.** No new business. Meeting was adjourned.

**A&S GRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2006**

Attendees: Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Lisa Brush, Toby Chapman, Nicole Constable, Marcela Esqueda, Zsuzsa Horvath, Lewis Jacobson, Paula Kane, Marcia Landy, Leonard Plotnicov, Joanna Hastings Smolko, and Robert Walters. Not in attendance: J. Christopher May.

- 1. The March 20, 2006 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- 2. **PhD Placements.** Guest Speaker: Sandra Mitchell, Chair of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS).

HPS has 28 PhD students, 10 of whom were on the job market this year. All 10 were successfully placed. Professor Mitchell summarized the process and the many reasons for their success. This included HPS's high ranking, its selectivity, and the rigor of the PhD program (including high early attrition and the two language requirements). All HPS faculty participate in the placement process. Each year one faculty member serves as "Placement Director." He/she meets with students a number of times in the early part of the job market year. Students must have a complete draft of the dissertation by September 1 to be on the job market, so that they can devote time to preparing a dossier and other activities that make them more competitive on the job market. The Placement Director helps them with these materials and attends the annual confer-

ence with them. Two mock interviews are scheduled and at least four faculty members [HPS or Philosophy] participate in each. Students produce syllabi for the courses that they propose to teach. They prepare five-minute summaries of their dissertations. A practice job talk is set up once they get an on-campus interview. The department processes up to 50 dossiers for each student's job search. Individual faculty members often talk to and make inquiries among colleagues at other institutions where there are advertised positions. The Council thanked Professor Mitchell for sharing this information and discussed numerous ways that this information could be disseminated more broadly to chairs, directors of graduate studies, and to students through the GSO.

3. **Discussion of Graduate Faculty Nominations Criteria.**

Associate Dean Constable is in the process of collecting more information about how different departments and universities approach the nomination of graduate faculty. Members of Graduate Council collected information about the nomination procedure in their departments. This information was circulated and discussed. In some social sciences and humanities departments, the system seems to be working smoothly. Faculty members are generally nominated in their second year, after they have evidence of graduate teaching, research and publications, etc., as listed in the policy statement. Such departments often see it as their responsibility to "protect" junior faculty from being overloaded with too much graduate responsibility too early, so as not to detract from their ability to do the research and publishing necessary for promotion. In some other departments, especially in the natural sciences, not being nominated to graduate faculty early is seen as doing a disservice to junior faculty because they need to work with graduate students in order to have a successful research program. Associate Dean Constable and Assistant Dean Walters will continue to collect input and will look at other universities' policies regarding graduate faculty nomination.

4. **Status of TA/TF Reports.** The Council received the Department of Communication's response and felt that it was responsive to the suggestions that had been made. The Council reviewed the final report for Computer Science and with a few editorial changes Associate Dean Constable will submit it to the department requiring a response. The Council will take a closer look at the CIDDE TA/TF Orientation in the coming academic year.

5. **Dean's Announcements**

a. The Area of Concentration in Sociolinguistics proposal has gone through to the A&S Council and will be presented at the next UCGS meeting.

b. The new Master of Arts in History Education proposal was approved by A&S Council and is in the process of review by A&S-PBC because of the minor budgetary implications. Once approved, it will be reviewed by UCGS.

6. **New Business.** No new business. Meeting was adjourned.



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