

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE
1987/88

- I. DATE: April 29, 1988
TO: Conner Atkeson, Chair of the Faculty
FROM: Henry Ferrell, R/CA Chair
- II. Membership of the committee (including ex-officio members).
John Bort
Philip Cheng
Roger Eldridge
E. D. Glover
Ruth Katz
Masao Kishore
Al Muller
Patricia Peralion
A. Mason Smith
R. K. Spruill
Michael Voors
- Ex-officio:
Joseph Boyette
Trenton Davis
Robert Franke
Mulatu Wubneh
- III. Committee meetings (dates and members absent).
9/22/87: Glover, Davis
9/29/87: Glover, Katz, Smith, Davis
2/24/88: Davis, Eldridge, Kishore, Smith, Voors
3/02/88: Davis, Wubneh, Cheng, Eldridge, Glover, Smith, Voors
3/16/88: Davis, Smith
3/23/88: Davis, Smith
4/26/88: Davis, Boyette, Glover, Muller, Smith
- IV. Date of reports to the Faculty Senate during the year.
Dr. Ferrell reported to the Faculty Senate the names of individuals who had been awarded academic year grants and summer salary stipends by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. A summary of the committee's activities were also presented.
- V. Specific instructions, if any, given to the committee by the Faculty Senate, other than those found in the committee's Constitutional charge.
None
- VI. A brief statement of committee organization, subcommittees, research activities, etc.
No new subcommittees were formed. The Chair served.
- VII. List of committee accomplishments including recommendations made to agencies other than the Faculty Senate.
This year two joint workshops for both R/CAC and Teaching Grants Committees were held. Committee members feel that the grant workshops helped improve the quality of the grants.
Dr. Kishore and Dr. Bort developed a computer program for quantifying and assessing the ratings by the committee members of the grant proposals. The Committee received 42 academic year grant proposals and 22 summer stipend proposals. 23 academic year and 6 summer stipend proposals were recommend for funding. The Vice Chancellor accepted 23 academic year grants and 3 summer stipend grants.
The Committee reviewed the grant proposal forms and its procedures for evaluating them. It intends to report to the Faculty Senate in September, 1988 relating to these adjustments.

VIII. Citation of the resolution numbers of Senate resolutions that originated with the committee. (See Faculty Senate Minutes, academic year 1977/78)
None

IX. Proposals and/or business to be carried over to next year.
Only the confirmation of new grant proposal forms.

X. Evaluation of the committee

A. Structure: The representation from various disciplines seems well balanced this year. In general, most members found the necessary time in their busy schedules to attend the numerous meetings during the academic year.

B. Duties: The Committee has as its primary duty making recommendations on funding or proposals by the Vice Chancellor's office. This was the underlying purpose for initiating the committee. The committee has within its charge the ability to take on other issues pertaining to research and creative activities. Except for writing a policy document, the need has not arisen for extra duties. The Committee is well constituted to carry out its responsibilities.

C. Functions: The Committee completed its work on time by keeping to a schedule announced in the Fall based on previous year's experience. The committee met its primary function as a grant review committee.

D. Personnel: The size and make-up of the Committee is about right for its duties and functions. The broad base of expertise required for reviewing grants necessitates a fairly large committee.

XI. Suggestions for improving the effectiveness of the committee.
I felt that the Committee worked very well this year.

Signed: Chairperson _____

Secretary _____

Effective: Spring 1979