Status and Membership:

The FRC is a College-wide committee composed of twelve members appointed by the Provost, including one member from each of the three professional schools (Business Administration, Education, and Law), and nine members from Arts and Sciences (three each from Areas I, II, and III). Members serve three-year terms. This year the members were: Joanne Braxton (English), Francie Cate-Aries (Modern Languages), Davison Douglas (Law), John Eisele (Modern Languages), Cindy Hahamovitch (History, resigned Nov. 2003), Dale Hoak (History, chair), Christopher Howard (Government), Lynn Pelco (Education), Gary Rice (Chemistry), Margaret Saha (Biology), John Strong (Business Administration), and Virginia Torczon (Computer Science). Gary Kreps served as a non-voting member ex officio as Vice Provost.

Function and Budget:

The FRC reviews applications for Summer Research Grants (SRGs), Semester Research Assignments (FRAs), Minor Research Grants (MRGs, which are available only to students), and Book Subventions, and in each case makes recommendations to the provost who makes all final decisions regarding disbursement of funds. On 21 October 2003 Provost Feiss authorized a budget of $660,000 for these programs:

- **FRA Program:** $480,000 (30 grants @ $16,000 each to be credited back to departments)
- **SRG Program:** $135,000 (30 grants @$4500 each)
- **Freeman SRG Program:** $20,000 (4 grants @$5000 each)
- **Mathews SRG Program:** $15,000 (3 grants @ $5000)
- **MRG Program:** $10,000

Results:

On 12 December 2003 the FRC reported to the Provost the results of each competition:

- **FRAs:** 47 applications were received, and 30 were recommended, with three ranked alternates.
SRGs: 43 applications and 37 awards (30 regular SRGs, 3 Mathews Grants, and 4 Freeman Grants in Asian studies. (The Mathews Grants were made available thanks to the generosity of Susan Mathews. The Committee decided to award one Mathews Grant to the best application in each of the three Areas.) Two applicants were judged ineligible. In 2002-03, because of emergency budgetary considerations, the SRG program was restricted exclusively to non-tenured eligible faculty. This year that restriction was lifted.

MRG: 29 applications, 23 awards ranging from $30 to $300 (average of $261.36). Total disbursed: $5711.20, with $4288.80 remaining to be disbursed in Spring 2004.

The Committee wishes to thank the staff of the Grants Administration office for its assistance in administering these programs – Mike Ludwick (Director), Anne Womack, and Cindy Corbett.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Hoak (chair)