Report of the Faculty Research Committee, 2006-2007

The Faculty Research Committee is a College committee composed of twelve members, three from each of the Areas in Arts & Science and one from each of the professional schools---Business Administration, Education, and Law. The vice provost for research is a non-voting member ex officio. Members of this year’s committee were: Lizabeth Allison (Biology), Lisa Anderson (Economics), Bruce Bracken (Education), William Cooke (Physics), Ram Ganeshan (Business Administration), Eric Kades (Law), Barbara King (Anthropology), Richard Palmer (Theatre, Speech, and Dance), Abdul-Karim Rafeq (History), Gregory Smith (Applied Science), Barbette Spaeth (Classical Studies), Robert Scholnick (English), and Dennis Manos (Vice Provost for Research, ex officio).

Currently, the FRC administers two faculty programs: Faculty Summer Research Grants (SRGs), and requests for books subventions. In each case, the Committee reports its recommendations directly to the Provost. All final decisions rest with the Provost. Recommendations for changes in the policies governing these programs are made to the Faculty Assembly. In addition, the FRC has the authority to approve research active definitions for the schools and for departments in Arts and Sciences. This last activity has occupied the majority of the FRC’s effort. So far, it has approved 17 of 22 Arts and Sciences departments.

This year the FRC approved 40 Summer Research Grants from an applicant list of 45, designating four as Susan Matthews Summer Grants and four as Christopher Wren Association Summer Grants, and one as a Schroeder Healthcare Policy Faculty Research Development Grants. The FRC recommended one additional SRG application be funded as a subvention, and this was also approved and funded.

Respectfully submitted,
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