

Annual CHS Committee Report 2008-2009

Committee title and membership list:

Research and Graduate Education Advisory Committee

Ann Marie Fiore
Patricia Leigh
Dan Robinson
Kevin Schalinske
Jacques Lempers
Ann Smiley-Oyen
Geoff Abelson
Linda Hagedorn
Carla Peterson (ex-officio)
Nicci Port (support)

Approximate number of meetings held:

The committee met four times during the year. We completed reviews for the Rosenfeld Scholars via electronic communication.

Major Accomplishments:

The Committee made recommendations regarding policies on **documenting satisfactory progress**, or lack thereof, and recommending continuation for graduate students. Each department took it upon themselves to get a clear policy in place. In the fall, we will review how the policy is working in each department and recommend revisions as needed.

The Committee made recommendations on distribution of **scholarships for graduate students**. The following amounts of money were distributed to students in each department:

AEHSM	\$ 36,593
C & I	5,833
ELPS	5,833
FSHN	18,213
HDFS	32,093
KIN	+ 5,833
TOTAL	\$ 104,398

Rosenfeld undergraduate research scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Spring, 2009 (4 awards)

Beatriz Saavedra Shantel Ternes Erin Thole Cayla Westergard

Summer or Fall, 2009 (6 awards)

Joel Weiler Abby Pollard Alicia Tiekoetter Rachel Wall Robin Shaw Lindsey Deets

A recognition luncheon for Rosenfeld Scholars and their mentors was held in January, 2009. The application process has been set up so that students and faculty members providing recommendations can do all their work electronically. Additionally, the review process was completed electronically.

The Committee awarded **Innovation Initiatives grants** to the following faculty members for their projects:

Dr. Ana-Paula Correia	\$ 25,000	<i>Learning Design Solutions: A Student-Led Embedded Enterprise in the College of Human Sciences</i>
Dr. Ann Marie Fiore	\$ 25,000	<i>Phase II: Completion of the Rural Renaissance Community Index Website to Define, Assess, and Improve Community Features that Expand Human Potential and Economic Development</i>
Dr. Peter Martin	\$ 11,950	<i>Exceptional Longevity in Rural Environments – Phase 3</i>
Dr. Jessica Hurst	<u>\$ 16,418</u>	<i>Enhancing Academic Success: Overcoming Math Anxiety with On-line Teaching Modules and Quizzes</i>
TOTAL	\$ 78,368	

Significant challenges confronted and how they were addressed:

The Committee did not meet significant challenges. All Committee members agree that it would be very beneficial to increase the amount of money available for scholarships for graduate students.

Next steps and future plans:

We will revisit policies on documentation of satisfactory progress and program continuation for graduate students that are in place in each department.

We will continue to work on enhancing the electronic application and review process for the Rosenfeld Scholars. Additionally, we plan to systematize the recognition luncheon for Rosenfeld Scholars and their mentors.

We plan to institute research exploration and dissemination activities. We discussed the possibility of having open forums for discussion of research ideas, facilitating discussions around specific RFPs, and hosting dissemination opportunities such as poster sessions.

Committee members would be willing to assist with securing funds to support graduate education if that could be helpful

Submitted by:

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