

## **Policy Council Committee Report: Research & Development Committee, 2016-17**

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Summary: The Research and Development Committee reviewed faculty proposals for the Proffitt Internal Research, Proffitt Summer Fellowships, Creative Paths to Peace, and Kempf competitions. Awards were made based on consistency with the call (e.g. project focus, support of junior faculty or new lines of research, etc.), quality of the proposal, and funds available.

An overview of the processes used, awards made, and number of proposals received is provided below.

The committee initially met on January 23, 2017. Associate Dean Buck explained the charge to the group. The committee selected Jeff Anderson as chair and decided on its procedures and deadlines. It was agreed that each committee member would review each submitted proposal. This included 6 full Proffitts; 6 summer Proffitts; 1 Kempf; and 1 Creative Paths to Peace. The chair would then divide proposals among members who would each take the lead in presenting 2-3 proposals to the committee. Deadlines were established.

Rubrics were adopted to guide the reviews. Match between proposal and intent of the funder was a primary criterion for success. Not having prior funding was also considered and emphasis was given to newer faculty members.

Reviews were due to Mary by Feb. 6 so they could be summarized. On Feb. 6 and 7, committee members independently reviewed the summarized reviews. On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, the committee met to discuss and rank submissions. The committee decided and recommended that one of the Proffitt proposals was better suited and moved for consideration in another competition. This recommendation was ultimately accepted by both Dean Buck and the applicant. Consensus for recommendations was reached by the committee and the following applications were recommended for funding and eventually funded:

### **Proffitt Internal Grant (6 proposals; 3 funded)**

**Sarah Hurwitz** “The Autism Social Self-Reflection Project: Can Social Skills Generalize Outside of the Lab?”

**Kerrie Wilkins Yel** “It Takes a Village: Advancing STEM Persistence Among Women of Color Through the Development of a Comprehensive Initiative”

**Chad Lochmiller** “Studying the Implementation of ESSA Title I Resource Equity Provisions: A Preliminary National Analysis of State Policy Activity”

**Proffitt Summer Faculty Fellowship (6 proposals; 3 funded)**

**Lori Patton Davis** “Educational Inequities in Urban Schooling: An Examination of the Missouri Transfer Law and the Black Community’s Resistance and Action”

**Teresa Sosa** “Centralizing Student Epistemic Knowledge in English Language Arts Curriculum

**Gustave Weltsek** “Drama Infusion, Social Interaction and Youth Literacy Achievement: Developing a Theory of Change”

**Creative Paths to Peace (1 proposal; 1 funded)**

**Jeremy Price** “Building Peace and Justice Through Critical Inquiries of Place with Technology”

**Kempf (1 proposal submitted; 1 proposal moved to this competition; 1 funded)**

**Dubravka Svetina** “The Impact of Teacher Quality and the Classroom Environment on Children’s Cognitive and Social-Emotional Wellbeing—An Early Head Start Study”

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