

TO: School of Education Policy Council

FROM: Kim Metcalf, Chair  
Research, Development and Technology Committee

DATE: 13 April, 2004

RE: Annual Committee Report

On behalf of the R, D & E Committee, I submit the following report of activities during the 2003-04 academic year.

At the time of this report, the committee has not yet finalized its decisions regarding proposals submitted in competition for funding during fall 2004. However, the activities of the R, D & E Committee during 2003-04 emphasized Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan. The primary role of the committee was to identify research to receive support through internal funding by way of the Proffitt and Kemp Awards, and to recognize outstanding research at the doctoral level by awarding the Proffitt Outstanding Dissertation Award. To these ends, I offer the following data:

- Twenty-one faculty proposals were submitted for consideration for up to two years of funding each through the annual Proffitt Award. Of the submitted proposals, twelve were selected for funding at a total level of \$331,966. In addition to enabling these faculty members to pursue important lines of inquiry, these projects supported graduate assistantships and direct research experience for eight students.
- Six proposals were submitted in competition for the Proffitt Summer Faculty Fellowship program during 2003-04. Of these, four were funded for a total of \$40,000.
- Six dissertations were submitted by departments within the School and considered for the Proffitt Outstanding Dissertation Award.
- Because the Proffitt Awards require funded research projects to address issues that are directly relevant to pre-K to 12 education, many of the above noted projects were to be conducted within and often in collaboration with teachers or other school personnel. These arrangements must be considered to contribute to Task 2.2 under Goal 2 of the School's Strategic Plan.

The activities of the R, D & E Committee did not include any direct focus on Strategic Goal 4, associated with technology.

In total, the work of the R, D & E Committee reflects the committee's contribution to the School's Strategic Goals. Perhaps equally importantly, the number and quality of proposals submitted to the committee for consideration suggests a growing interest among the faculty in conducting funded research. As such, it appears to reflect progress toward many of the specific tasks and goals of the Long-Range Plan.

I humbly submit this report for your consideration.

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