

Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee
Meeting of 12 October, 2011

Chair: Chris Foss

Secretary: JeanAnn Dabb

Members present: Dawn Bowen, Teresa Coffman, JeanAnn Dabb, Chris Foss, Bob Greene, John Morello (ex-officio)

The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in Combs 322.

John Morello reported on decisions by college deans regarding sabbatical applications. The eight proposals submitted by CAS faculty were approved by the Dean. No applications were received by the COE and the one proposal from a member of the COB was not recommended for advancement in the process by the Dean of the COB. Bob Greene moved that the Committee approve the eight CAS proposals as funding is available to support that number. Chris Foss seconded the motion and the Committee vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee next considered the Jepson Fellowship applications. Chris raised questions regarding Jepson Fellowship criteria relative to some of the documents submitted as part of the applications and the Committee reviewed award criteria. The twelve proposals, having been distributed at the last meeting for all Committee members to review, were considered one by one in alphabetical order. The Committee members discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the proposals and shared opinions about their reactions to each, particularly in light of the stated criteria for the awards. When discussion concluded, John reminded Committee members of the process for voting that was to be completed by 5:00 p.m. on 19 October. Each Committee member was to submit a score for each proposal that ordered the applications from 1 to 12 (1 as top and no ties to be submitted.) For each proposal, Committee members would also rate the proposal from 5 to 1 (5 as highest rating.) With these two scores tabulated for the group John would then distributed the results by email and the Committee could meet if further discussion was considered necessary.

The meeting concluded at 5:35 p.m.

*Subsequent to the votes of each Committee member being received and tabulated, (with exception of John Morello who, as ex-officio member, does not vote) John shared the rankings and ratings summary via email. Committee members unanimously agreed with the summary rankings and the six top applications will go forward to the Provost with the Committee's support. The Provost will reply to all applicants and the BOV will approve awards of Jepson Fellowships at their November meeting.

Minutes submitted by JeanAnn Dabb