*RESEARCH COMMITTEE*

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Committee Chair                                         Date submitted


Submitted to:   __Dr. Kristy Oden_____
Chair, Shared Governance Executive Committee

I.      Executive Summary

The University Research Committee released the 2022-2023 grant application in October 2022, completed applications were due in January 2023. The committee met on February 10$^{th}$, 2023 to review grant proposals and vote on funding awards. 15 projects with a total budget of $32,566 were eventually funded.

II.     The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)
   1. To serve as an advisory committee on the university's research function and related issues
   2. To serve as a screening board, recommending action for university-released time and non-released time research grants (not including those grants given through individual college research committees)
   3. To gather information on the University's research efforts and related issues, and assess university performance in these areas in light of the information obtained
   4. To propose changes in university policies, procedures, and practices on research and related issues
   5. To handle any proposals the committee may make affecting university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedures for Policy Change Recommendations"
   6. To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC

III.    The Committee met on the following dates:

09/13/2022 (E-business) – Election of the vice chair & starting revision of the application document
02/10/2023 (Zoom) – Grant application evaluation meeting
04/17/2023 (E-business) – Discussion of potential improvement and a FAQ section to the application document

IV.     What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

This year, 15 project proposals from 13 departments and three colleges were funded through the University Research Committee with a total fund of $32,566. Two additional projects were initially funded but withdrawn by the PIs.

V.      What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

After careful evaluation, the committee recommended partially or fully funding 17
projects out of 20 submitted proposals for various activities such as research projects and
creative artworks. Two awarded grants were withdrawn later.

VI.     What does the Committee plan to accomplish

    A.      In the coming year?
    The committee is looking forward to accommodating UNA faculty's research
needs as much as possible.

    B.      In future years?
    The committee tries to make the grant application process as smooth and easy as
    much as possible.

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