

March 15, 2022

TO: Rachel Green, LAUC President
FROM: Mary-Michelle Moore, Chair, LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee
RE: **2021-2022 Midyear Report for the LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee**

General Charge

For 2020-2021, the Committee is charged with fulfilling its standing charge, Article VIII. Section 1.e.2:

1. Solicit and review research proposals submitted to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program by LAUC members and recommending funding of proposals to the Office of the President.
2. Develop, monitor, and revise, as needed, procedures for carrying out the review of research proposals.
3. Develop guidelines for application to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program and recommend revisions as needed.
4. Advise the President and the Executive Board on issues related to research and professional development for librarians and address other subjects at the request of the President.

Specific Charges for 2020-2021

1. Given the changing nature of professional development opportunities in the midst of the COVID crisis, R&PD is charged with modifying the criteria for 2020-21 LAUC grants as their first task, and submitting them for Executive Board approval.
2. Host at least one statewide R&PD event for all of the campuses, on a topic such as the research process or grant process or both.
3. Update grant forms as needed, including possible creation of a mini-grant form.
4. Revise and update the R&PD webpages as needed.

Committee on Research & Professional Development Roster, 2021-2022

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Action items from General Charge

Continuing the trend seen last year, at least in Fall 2021, there were no presentation grant applications. Many conferences have moved online, were canceled, or attendees were unsure if they wished to make travel plans only to have them fall through. The committee did receive and fund three interesting research grant proposals and a mini-grant. There was discussion around the purpose of the mini-grants in general since the application we received was for someone outlining a proposed new direction of research. The proposal was interesting to the committee, and one they were happy to fund this year, but noted that in a more competitive year, there may need to be additional direction on how to evaluate proposals such as these.

The total funding allocations remained unchanged again for the 2021-2022 fiscal year with \$24,300 available for represented librarians and \$8,100 for non-represented librarians. In terms of the number of applications, there was almost parity in the number of applications from both groups. Requests from both represented and non-represented librarians fell within the allocated budget for the year.

During the Fall grant cycle, the committee received 3 research grant applications, 2 mini-grant and no presentation grant applications. The committee approved full funding for the 3 research grants and one of the mini grant applications. Fully funding these applications still left some funding available for a second call. More details on these proposals can be found in the attached summary submitted to UCOP.

Grant Proposal Totals - First Call

	Bargaining Unit Status	Amount Awarded
Sub Total	Member	\$10,106
Sub Total	Non-member	\$3,220
TOTAL		\$13,326

Amount remaining for Spring call for member librarians: **\$10,106**

Amount remaining for non-member librarians: **\$4,880**

Discussion of Specific Charges for 2020-2021

In addition to completing two rounds of funding, the committee has been active in additional tasks.

The committee discussed updating the Grant Recipient's Table with abstracts from past grant applications, but no conclusion was reached.

In the planning leading up to Spring Assembly, a poll of LAUC Membership was taken to see who may want to attend Assembly in person or virtually. One of the hopes was to have some programming at the Assembly, however, the logistics proved to be complex and it was felt that doing a hybrid program would not serve either the group in person nor the virtual group well. The virtual option would allow for more participation, but ultimately the purpose of the Assembly was for the board to assemble in person. Due to scheduling and bandwidth concerns, the virtual town hall-style event to discuss the major events of this year around PI Status will take place in late September under the new board.

The committee has drafted and is reviewing questions for a mixed-methods survey of librarians' knowledge about the ability to receive exceptional Primary Investigator (for major grants) and Principal Investigator (for IRB) status on their campuses. While these similar roles do have occasionally divergent applications, in addition to creating a baseline knowledge of campus policies, the survey was also meant to determine if there was a chilling effect on librarians interested in doing research but felt they could not, either because of written policy or because the appropriate path to the following policy are unclear. Results from the survey will be sent to CPG who will analyze the data and report back to the board.

The committee worked on website updates, which are ongoing.

The committee will have more to report on these topics in the year-end report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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