Annual Report 2019-2020

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Goals and Objectives

Each year, the Research, Scholarship, and Professional Growth Committee reviews proposals in several categories:

- **Fall Term**
  - Travel Stipends
  - RSPG: Instructional Improvement and Research ($15,000)
  - Hemingway Faculty Vitality ($10,000)
  - Community Engaged Learning ($5,000)
  - Presidential Innovative Teaching Grants ($14,333)
  - George and Beth Lowe Innovative Teaching Grants ($8,250)

- **Spring Term**
  - Travel Stipends
  - RSPG: Instructional Improvement and Research ($15,000)
  - Hemingway Faculty Vitality ($10,000)
  - Presidential Innovative Teaching Grants ($14,000)
  - George and Beth Lowe Innovative Teaching Grants ($8,250)
  - Community Engaged Learning ($5,000)
  - Hemingway Collaborative and Excellence Awards ($65,040)
  - Hemingway Adjunct Faculty ($4,000)
  - Hemingway New Faculty ($20,000)

- **Summer Term**
  - Travel Stipends

For Fall 2019 we received funding requests for $84,498.42 and awarded $42,374 in funding. Departments, Colleges, community partners, and more pledged matching funds of $65,067.69 for a total $107,441.69 to promote faculty growth and professional development in this academic year. In addition, we awarded 34 travel grants for a combined total of $22,522.79 (excluding summer 2020). **Funding information for mid-Spring to be released. Deadline for the mid-Spring Awards is February 14, 2020 at 5 pm.**

Additional Notes

The major accomplishment of 2019-2020 was to redesign the RSPG form. We formed two sub-committees to analyze a) teaching and community service type projects and b) research and creative works. We then came together to discuss what
each committee felt was the best way to proceed regarding the forms. We discussed all our options including what has successfully worked in the past and what challenges our constituents faced. I then took the updated form the research committee created and updated it with creative works and teaching elements, our comments during the discussion, and released it. Based on feedback we created one more revision and will analyze the results over the next year. The new form is more inclusive and explicit regarding rules and procedures.

We are still in the process of analyzing last year’s update to the rubric, the updated travel form and the switch from a rolling deadline to a firm deadline.

**Meetings and Awards:**

- Three RSPG meetings have been held (Aug. 29th, Oct. 10th, and Jan 16th).
- This semester we will have two more meetings (Feb. and April) in addition to voting on the Gwen Williams Award.
- The Awards list and Objectives for next year will be provided on the year-end annual report.