Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting held on February 10, 2012 in BC 204

Present: A. Azadegan, M. E. de Boyrie, G. Hampton, M. Niculescu, H. Sankaran, L. Tunnell
Absent: C. Chavez, K. Melendrez, M. Downes

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am.
As per H. Sankaran’s request L. Tunnel chaired the session.
Given that A. Azadegan had submitted four requests for funding under three different categories he was excused from the proceedings.

Due to the low numbers of participants and the need for quorum, it was agreed the other FC members who requested funds (M. E. de Boyrie and H. Sankaran) would only be excused when discussing the allocation of funds within their respective categories.

As per H. Sankaran, funds from the Dean’s discretionary funds could be moved around to other categories, but only after the full allocation of money requested within the Dean’s Discretionary funds category was made, in order to fulfill as many requests as possible.

A total of $9,161 worth of Mini-Grants was requested with total available funds equaling $6,500. The funds were distributed as follows: A. Azadegan ($1,000 and $1,840), B. Gould ($800), M. Jun ($1,000), J. Weisinger ($720) and R. McFerrin ($1,140). A. Kach did not receive funding because he did not have a faculty member as a co-investigator, a necessary requirement when a non-faculty member requests funds.

Total amount requested from the Dean’s Discretionary fund totaled $1,500 with $3,500 available for distribution. M. E. de Boyrie was excused from the meeting and it was agreed that all three applicants would be funded. The distribution is as follows: M. E. de Boyrie ($500), A. Azadegan ($500) and T. Query ($500).

Since there was not enough funds ($1,755) available in the Salopek funds to meet the $7,087.94 requested by faculty it was decided that $2,500 from the Dean’s Discretionary funds would be used to meet some of the request under this category. After H. Sanakran was excused from the meeting funds were distributed as follows: From Salopek funds: N. Oretskin ($500) and J. Bishop ($1,255) and from Dean’s Discretionary funds: J. Kreie and C. Mora ($560), J. Kreie ($350), H. Sankaran ($313), V. Diaz ($550) and J. Bishop ($227). G. A. Rosalie did not receive funding because her paper has not yet accepted for presentation.

During the discussion of Salopek’s funds a motion was made that a total of $1,982 be made to J. Bishop with no funding be made to A. Azadegan’s request for funding under this category. The motion was seconded and voted on. The result of the motion was three in favor with two abstentions. The rationale was that CoB faculty should have first priority in the funding of projects with guest speakers receiving consideration if funds are available.

At this meeting it was agreed that only requests made before the deadline and meeting would be considered. It was also discussed that request to attend meetings would only be considered if the paper had been accepted for presentation at the time the request was made.

A motion that the excel spreadsheet put together by L. Tunnel and used in the meeting would serve as the official record of how funds were distributed.

A call for new business was made. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.