**REPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**From**: Derek Anderson, Chair, Faculty Grants Committee

**Subject**: End of Year Report

**Date**: April 15, 2011

During the academic year, the Faculty Grants Committee (FGC) performed the following duties:

1. During summer 2010, Andrew Smentkowski, Kathy Maki, and Derek Anderson worked to establish a new paperless policy for submission and review of grants.
2. On September 28, 2010, the Chair of FGC, Derek Anderson held a workshop on NMU internal grants programs.
3. On October 6th, 2010 the FGC met to review applications for the Winter 2011 Reassigned Time Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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|  |  |  | **Reassigned Time Awards - Fall 2010** |
| **Final Rank** | **Name** | **Dept.** | **Title of Research Project**  |
| 1 | Prus, A. | Psychology | Psychopharmacology Textbook |
| 2 | Larkin, L. | English | Reading, Race, and Twentieth-Century African American Literature |
| 3 | Moore, M. | HPER | Migraine Symptom Progression in the Postdrome Phase  |
| 4 | Cogley, Z. | Philosophy | Wrath and Patience  |
| 5 | Hamilton, A. | English | Rethinking the Literary "Old West": Western American Literature Before 1800 |
| 6 | Delpier, T. | Nursing | CA-MRSA Threat: Manuscript  |
| unfundable - no IRB app | Edwards, F. | Nursing | Living with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Students Perspectives… |
| 7 | Jain, A. | College of Business | Algorithmic Decision Support System for Commodities Trading |
| 8 | Goodrich, P. | English | Thinking Forward about the Past: Toward a Global Middle Ages |
| 9 | Sotiropoulos, C. | Modern Languages & Literatures | Gender Binds: Margaret Fuller and the German Romanticists  |
| 10 | Truong, B. | Mathematics & CS | Sufficient Conditions for Global Weak Pareto Maximizers in Set-Valued Optimization |
| 11 | Foster, T. | Modern Languages & Literatures | Life of Saint Margaret |
| 12 | Ziegler, S. | Geography | The Advantages and Limitations of Bioenergy in Southern Sweden |

1. On October 6th, 2010 the FGC met to review applications for the Winter 2011 Spooner Grant Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| **Rank** |  | **Fall 2010 Spooner Grant Awards** |
| 1 | Thibado, Vanessa | Biology | Translating invitro chemostherapy models |
| 2 | Hillhouse, Todd | Psychology | The effects of neurotensin agonist |
| 3 | Fawcett, Susan | Biology | Fire and water |
| 4 | Denryter, Kristin | Biology | Applying landscape ecology principles |
| inc. app. | Lantto, Brian | Art & Design | Mokume gane |

1. On November 10th, 2010 the FGC met to review applications for the 2011 Faculty Grant Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| **Rank** | **Name** | **Department** | **Title of Application** | **Amount** |
| 1 | Erich N. Ottem | Biology | [Investigating the Role of Muscular BDNF in the Onset of Sporadic Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zMzg4NTQ0ZmItOTEwOS00MGZjLThhMDctN2UyMDU1MmU1Mzc4&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 6,613 |
| 2 | K. C. Holder | Education | [Discovering the Landscape: On-site charter monitoring](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zYTRiNDEzOWUtZDcwYS00ZGNhLWFjNmEtZmU0YzQ2YzhkMTA1&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
| 3 | Dennis Staffne | School of Art & Design | [Invitational Exhibit – Portfolio Development](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zNjI2NGQ0ZDMtZmQwMC00MTgzLWFkNzAtZTY0MmZhN2VjODMx&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 6,521 |
| 4 | Thomas Getman | Chemistry | [Preparation of Unreactive, Weakly Coordinating Anions](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zNGFjZmFiMGQtNTVkZC00MTI5LTg1ZTMtY2NkMDNmMThkYmUz&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
| 5 | J. Marek Haltof | English | [Representing Auschwitz in *The Last Stage* (1948) (Book Project)](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zMDE1NmFjZjctYjE0Yi00YTM4LWE1ZmYtNzM3NDZkYmRhNmI4&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 6,932 |
| 6 | Jaspal Kaur Singh | English | [Imagining nations and Homelands: Gender and Sikh Identity in Indian and Diasporic Literature](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zYTgwZjJmY2ItMDI2MC00ZjU4LWI1NWUtZjA4YmIwNjg0Y2I4&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
| 7 | Shelley Russell | Communication & Performance Studies | [Water, Woman: A Play Exploring the Evolving Relationship Between Women and Their Natural Environment as Translated by the Art They Produce](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zOWExZDI1YjItNDRjNC00NzA2LTkwZjAtZTQ2OTBkZmNlMDNi&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
| 8 | Robert Whalen | English | [Computing George Herbert’s Poetics](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zNTdiODA3MzktMDViYi00MGMxLTgyN2YtZGQ1MzZjNTFlNzNk&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
| 9 | Tara Foster | Modern Languages & Literatures | [Editing Three Anonymous Anglo-Norman Lives of Saint Margaret: Paris Bnf ms.fr.19525](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zN2RhYzRkMGQtN2ViYy00YjA2LTljYzctZWM4NTUwN2I4NDcx&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 6,685 |
| 10 | William H. Bergmann | History | [Western Banking: The Bank of Kentucky and Economic Development in the Trans-Appalachian West](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zOWIwMDBlYmItMzA0NC00MGFlLWFhOGQtNDljYmIxMmJhOTg5&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
| 11 | Carol Strauss Sotiropoulos | Modern Languages & Literatures | [*Gender Binds: Margaret Fuller and the German Romanticists*](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zZGU3YzA2N2UtZjAwOC00M2Q1LThjNGMtOTJjYTljYjY1ZTRi&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 3,890 |
| 12 | Melissa Romero | Nursing | [Validation of the National Institutes of Health patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (NIH PROMIS) Survey as a Quality of Life Instrument for Patients with Primary Malignant Brain Tumors and their Caregivers](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B7wn8YRWKj4zNDg5ODRhZDgtNDM1Zi00NTgwLTg4YzItZmVlYjVjM2FmNmQy&sort=name&layout=list&num=50) | 7,000 |
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1. On February 9th, 2011 the FGC met to review applications for the Summer 2011 Spooner Grant Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| **Rank:** | **Name** | **Dept** | **Title** |
| **1** | Melissa Seelye | English | European Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies Conference |
| **2** | Justine Pinskey | Biology | Vitamin D as a potential therapeutic agent for glioblastoma multiforme treatment |
| **3** | Megan Jastremski | Chemistry | Synthesis of Radical Precursors for Replacement of Tributyltin Hydride in Organic Compounds |
| **4** | James Devan Bergen-Hartigan | Chemistry | Characterization of polyelectrolyte coating for microchip electrophoresis |
| **5** | Keith Sabin | Biology | Exosomal Transfer of Viral Proteins/mRNA and Recurrence in Glioblastoma Multiforme |
| **5** | Michael Peters | Biology | Describing and Investigation the Antibiotic and Biocontrol Capabilities of a Recently Discovered, Suspected *Streptomyces* spp. Bactterium |
| **7** | Kirstin Meyer | Biology | Effects of water temperature and body size on algal filtration rate of freshwater mussels |
| **8** | Katherine Buel | English | Research of Literay Agencies |
| **9** | Neil C. Carey | Geography | Geophysical and Archaeological survey techniques using ground penetrating radar |
| **incomplete application** | Rob Campbell | Art and Design | Revival: A study of urban architechtural appreciation |
| **incomplete application** | Audrey Mifsud | Art and Design | Verbal Engagement |
| **Unfundable** | Emma Budros | Athletic Training | The Effects of Migraine Headache on Balance and Proprioception |
| **Unfundable** | Derek Bush | Economics | A Snapshot of 21st century economic development in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (2006-2010) |

1. On February 23rd, 2011 the FGC met to review applications for the Fall 2011 Reassigned Time Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| **Rank** | **Name** | **Project** |
| 1 | Hamilton, Amy | Rethinking the Literary “Old West”: Western American Literature Before 1800 |
| 2 | Truong, Bao | Necessary conditions in multiobjective optimization in general Banach spaces and applications (manuscript) |
| 3 | McCommons, James | Research for book on George Shiras III |
| 4 | Prather, Russell | Palimpsest Paintings for the UP focus Show at NMU’s DeVos Museum |
| 5 | Singh, Jaspal | Imagining Nations and Homelands: Gender and Sikh Identity in Indian and Diasporic Literature |
| Unfundable - has not submitted report from previous awards | Brahm, Gabriel | The Jester and the Sages: Mark Twain in Conversation with Nietzsche, Freud, and Marx (University of Missouri Press, Forthcoming) |

1. On March 23rd, 2011, the FGC met to review applications for the 2011 Peter White Scholar Award. The rankings were as follows:

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|  |  | **2011 Peter White Scholar Award** |
| **Rank** |   |   |
| 1 | James McCommons | *Biography of George Shiras III: World’s First Wildlife Biographer.* |
| 2 | Beverly Matherene | *Bayou des Acadiens* |
| 3 | Jaspal Singh | *Imagining Nations and Homelands: Gender and Sikh Identity in Indian Literature.*  |
| unfundable - on sabbatical in 2011/2012 | Alec Lindsey | *Development and expansion of common loon conservation genetic analyses* |

1. On April 13th, 2011, the FGC met to review application for the 2011 Curriculum Development Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| 1 | Jaspal Singh | *Gender and Sikh Religious Identity in Indian Literature* |

1. On April 13th, 2011, the FGC met to review application for the 2011 Instructional Improvement Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| 1 | Carol Steinhaus | *Improving Ability to Teach Intercultural Communication in the College of Business* |
| 2 | Tara Foster | *French Culture and Literature: Site Investigation and Collection of Materials* |
| 3 | Nanci Gasiewicz & Kristi Burdick | *Livescribe Pulse Smartpen* |
| 4 | Jaspal Singh | *Middle Eastern Culture and Contemporary Turkish Literature* |
| 5 | Mary Jane Tremethick & Eileen Smit | *Adding a Student Research Project to HL/NU 386* |

1. On April 13th, 2011, the FGC will meet to review application for the Fall 2011 Spooner Awards. The rankings were as follows:

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| 1 | James Devan Bergen-Hartigan  | *Characterization of polyelectric . . .* |
| unfundable | Emily Sprengelmeyer  | *Affects of coarse woody debris in Aspen-dominated mesic-hardwood forests* |

During 2010/2011 academic year, the FGC approved the following recommendations:

* To increase the maximum amount (from $7,000 which has been the cap for at least 15 years) that a faculty member can receive from a Faculty Grant Award.
* To allow faculty on sabbatical to able to receive the Peter White Scholar Award

In addition, together with Andrew Smentkowski, the FGC established Progress Report Guidelines for the Reassigned Time Awards.

<http://webb.nmu.edu/GrantsAndResearch/Documents/ReassignedTimeAwardGuidelines.shtml>

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Anderson, Chair

C: Dr. Susan Koch – Provost

C: Dr. Terrance Seethoff – Associate Provost and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education

C: Andrew Smentkowski, Grant Administrator