**Faculty Grants Committee Annual Report to Senate**

**2012/2013**

April 12, 2013

**From:** Marguerite Moore, Chair, Faculty Grants Committee

**To:** Larry Pagel, Chair, Academic Senate

**RE: Faculty Grants Committee 2012/2013 Annual Report to Academic Senate**

How Faculty Grants Committee (FGC) activities relate to the Road Map to 2015:

The variety of internal grant applications received throughout this academic year have demonstrated a solid desire among faculty and students to continually improve quality of academic programs through research and other creative activities that collectively serve to ensure NMU’s heritage of being a high-touch, high-tech, high-quality center for academic excellence. The aim of internal grant proposals include, but are not limited to, the integration of innovative technologies into the classroom that facilitate student success, ensure environmental sustainability within and beyond our local community, and promote global involvement through service learning and a dedication to life-long learning.

During the 2012/2013 academic year the FGC met six (6) times and evaluated 89 grant applications. The following comprises the annual report of FGC activities.

FGC activity for Fall 2012 includes:

1. On October 19, 2012 the FGC met to review applications for the Winter 2013 Reassigned Time Awards. A quorum was present. Nineteen (19) grant applications were received. All were deemed fundable. The rankings are as follows:

**Reassigned Time Awards Winter 2013**

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| **Name** | **Department** | **Project Title** | **Ranking** |
| Dr. Scott Demel | Sociology and Social Work | Uncovering a Lost History: The Historical Archaeology of Beaver Island’s Cable’s Bay Fishing Village | 1 |
| Matt Bell | English | Book on Detroit’s Metal Scrap Industry | 2 |
| Dr. Michael W. Joy | Department of Modern Languages and Literatures | Mysterious Lights and Unhinged Knights:Quixotic Quests in Journal of a UFO Investigator | 3 |
| Dr. Zac Cogley | Philosophy | Basic Desert And Reactive Emotions | 4/5 |
| Eileen M. Smit | Nursing | Experiences of Honduran Nurse Preceptors and American Students | 4/5 |
| Dr. Katherine C. Teeter  | Biology | An investigation of epigenetic disruptions in Mus hybrids | 6 |
| Dr. Tara Foster | Department of Modern Languages and Literatures |  Translating the Roman de Saladin | 7 |
| Dr. Lisa Flood | Nursing | Blood Transfusion Simulation: Assessment of Student Learning | 8 |
| Dr. María Guadalupe Arenillas | Department of Modern Languages and Literatures | “Home Is where the Haunt Is:” The Future of Inheritance in Contemporary Argentine Literature | 9/10 |
| Dr. Lisa S. Eckert | English | Leaders in the field of English Education and Rural Education studies | 9/10 |
| Dr. Sarah Black Jones | Philosophy | The marginalization of LGBT students and faculty, and the marginalization of women | 11 |
| Dr. Robert Whalen | English | The Complete Works of George Herbert | 12 |
| Dr. Alex K. Ruuska | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology | Place, Performance and Social Memory in the 1890’s Ghost Dance | 13 |
| James McCommons | English | Shooting Wildlife to Save It--George Shiras 3rd, Theodore Roosevelt, and the Birth of Wildlife Photography | 14 |
| Dr. Matthew Gavin Frank | English | Newfoundland Reverend Moses Harvey, and his 19thcentury obsession with the then-mythological giant squid | 15 |
| Dr. James A. Strain | Music | Dictionary for the Modern Percussionist | 16/17 |
| Marcus Robyns | Academic Information Services | Using Functional Analysis in Archival Appraisal: A Practical and Effective Alternative to Traditional Appraisal Methodologies | 16/17 |
| Dr. Bitsy Wedin | Nursing | Men in Nursing | 18 |
| Dr. Ronald Johnson | English | Three Short Stories in “A Blended Family” Section of A Second Marriage: The Ben and Geri Stories | 19 |

2. Also on October 16, 2012 the FGC met to review applications for the Fall 2012 Spooner Grant Awards. A quorum was present. Seven undergraduate applications were received. All were deemed eligible/fundable. The rankings are as follows:

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| Name | Department/ level | Title of Project | Ranking |
| BreeOna Ebrect | Psychology- UG | Assessment of PD149163 with Current Antipsychotic Drug Therapies in the conditioned Avoidance Responding Task | 1 |
| Matthew Brege | Chemistry -UG | The Detection of Explosives Extracted from Disposable Gloves Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography | 2 |
| Emily Perdue | Sociology- UG | Poverty , Neglect and Child Welfare | 3 |
| Ashley Schmeling | Psychology- UG | Reference Memory Assessment of Brown Norway Rats in a Radial Arm Maze | 4 |
| Rachel Sines | Biology- UG | The impact of invasive dusky slugs on the calypso orchid | 5 |
| Kelly Gilligan | Art and Design- Jewelry and Metalwork UG | Making Jewelry for Senior Research Portfolio | 6 |
| Brendan Solinsky | Art and Design- Furniture- UG | The C Bench | 7 |

**Spooner Grants Fall 20123.** On November 16, 2012 the FGC met to review applications for the 2012/2013 Faculty Grant applications. Twenty Six (26) applications were received. Twenty four (24) applications were deemed eligible/fundable and two (2) applications were deemed ineligible/un-fundable. The rankings are as follows:

**Faculty Grants 2013**

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| Name | Department | Title | Ranking |
| Dr. Michael Loukinen | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology | Winona, a Ghost Town Documentary | 1 |
| Dr. Renxin Yang | Sociology and Social Work | Poetry Collection : The Native Spirit | 2 |
| Dr. Erich Ottem | Biology | Investigating the Influence of Exercise on the Neuroendrocrine Regulation of Feeding Behavior in Mice on a High Fat Diet | 3 |
| Dr. Rebecca Mead | History | “ Hiding in Plain Sight” | 4 |
| Dr. Kurt Galbreath | Biology | Diversity and Biogeography of Northern Michigan’s Mammals and their Parasites | 5 |
| Dr. Alan Scot Willis | History | Contesting the Narrative: Teaching African American Baptist Youth A different American History | 6 |
| Dr. Josh Sharp | Biology | Polynuceotide Phosphorolase in the opportunistic pathogen Psudomonas aeuriginosa: essential gene or virulence regulator? | 7 |
| Dr. Lesley Larkin | English | Reading Race and Modern African American Literature | 8 |
| Dr. Jill Leonard | Biology | Linking Metabolic Physiology to Movement Behavior in Brook Trout | 9 |
| Dr. John Anderton | Earth, Environmental and Geographical Science | 20MQ140, The goose Lake Outlet #3 Site: Archeological Analysis of Cultural Remains | 10 |
| Dr. Scott Demel | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology | Beaver Island Ethno- Historical Archival Research | 11 |
| Dr. Yu Liu | Chemistry | DNA Supported Biomolecular Catalyst | 12 |
| Dr. Katherine C. Teeter | Biology | An investigation of epigenetic disruptions in the *Mus* hybrids | 13 |
| Dr. Neil Cumberlidge | Biology | Production of the First Identification Guide to the Freshwater Crabs of Uganda Including Descriptions of Three New Species | 14 |
| Dr. Adam Prus | Psychology | Assessment of Neurotensin effects on 22-KHZ Vocalization in Rats | 15 |
| Dr. Robert Whalen | English | The Complete Works of George Herbert | 16 |
| Dr. Ronald Johnson | English | A Second Marriage: The Ben and Geri Stories | 17 |
| Dr. Dennis Staffne | Art and Design | Two Solo Fine Arts Exhibits | 18 |
| Dr. Russel Prather | English | Transparent Things: 18 New Creative Works | 19 |
| Dr. Robert Legg | Earth, Environmental and Geographical Science | Modeling Heavy Metal Pollution in Selected Urban Wetlands of Lake Victoria Basin using GIS | 20 |
| Dr. Bao Truong | Math and Computer Science | Variational Analysis in Multiobjective Obtimization with Applications to Economics | 21/22 |
| Dr. Joel E. Thompson | Business | Financial Accounting and Investing in American in the Early 1890’s | 21/22 |
| Dr. Frankie McCormick | Chemistry | An electrochemical study of charge transfer in propellane based molecules | 23 |
| Dr. Kristi BurdickDr. Terry DelpierDr. Sherri GiordanaDr. Melissa Romero | Nursing | Assessment in the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Consumption in the Rural Preadolescent and Adolescent Population Residing in the Upper Peninsula | 24 |
| Dr. Shaung Xie | Communication and Performance Studies | Media Imperialism, Soft Power and Social Class in China | Unfundable. Did not follow format guidelines. |
| James McCommons | English | “ Shooting Wildlife to save it” | Unfundable. Did not follow format guidelines. |

Faculty Grants Committee (FGC) activity for Winter 2013 includes:

4. On February 10, 2013 the FGC met to review applications for the Winter 2013 Spooner Grant Awards. All voted via e-mail. Two (2) graduate and zero (0) undergraduate applications were ranked. Both were deemed eligible/fundable. The rankings are as follows:

**Spooner Winter 2013**

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| Name | Department | Title | Ranking |
| Mariah Lash | HPER- Grad | The Relationship Between Non-Suicidal Self Injury and Disordered Eating in Female Collegiate Athletes | 1 |
| Megan McCullough | HPER- Grad | Same-Sex Vs. Opposite Sex Athletic Trainers: NCAA Athletes Comfort and Preference | 1 |

5. On March 1, 2013 the FGC met to review applications for the Fall 2013 Reassigned Time Awards. A quorum was present. Fifteen (15) applications were received. All applications were deemed eligible/fundable.

**Reassigned Time Awards Fall 2013**

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| Name | Department | Project Title | Rank |
| Dr. Rebecca J. Ulland | Modern Languages and Literatures | Daughter of Silence by Manuela Fingueret and the Recuperation of the Jewish Voice | 1 |
| Dr. J. Marek Haltof | English | Screening Auschwitz: Wanda Jakubowska’s The Last Stage (1948) and the Politics of Commemoration | 1 |
| Dr. Mary P (Mollie) Freier | Library- AIS | The Setting of the Library in Detective Fiction | 3 |
| Dr. Anthony Aumann | Philosophy | Self- Love and Neighbor-Love in KierkGaard’s Ethics | 4 |
| Dr. Adam Prus | Psychology | NIH Grant Proposal to Study Treatments for Anxiety Disorders | 5 |
| Dr. Kurt Galbreath | Biology | Enhancing NMU’s Biological Collections as Resources for Biodiversity Research and Teaching | 6 |
| Michael Kowalczyk | Math and Computer Science  | A Move Towards a Better Comprehension of Holant Problems | 7 |
| Matt Bell | English | The Zone: A Novel | 8 |
| Matthew Gavin Frank | English | The Oaxaca Essays | 9 |
| Dr. Martin Reinhardt | Center for Native American Studies | Decolonizing Diet Project Analysis and Reporting Phase Support | 10 |
| Quinghong Zhang | Math and Computer Science | Geometry and Duality in Copositive Optimization | 11 |
| Sharavan Rajagopal | Art and Design | 1)Yantra: A Grammer of Archetypal Space2) Bollywood Sex Machine: Eye Candy for Self- Realiization | 12 |
| Dr. Robert Whalen | English | The Complete Works of George Herbert | 13 |
| Dr. Russell Prather | English | Hanging Garden | 14 |
| Dr. Rebecca J. Mead | History | Hiding in Plain Sight | 15 |

6. On April 5th 2013 the Faculty Grants Committee met to review the applications for the Curriculum Development and Instructional Improvement Grants. A quorum was present. Five (5) Curriculum Development Grants and Two (2) Instructional Improvement Grants were received. Dr. Robbie Goodrich was unsure which grant suited his proposal and submitted to both grants and left it to the discretion of the committee to decide. The committee decided unanimously that his application fit within the Instruction Improvement Criteria and he was removed from the Curriculum Development to make four (4) ranked grants.

7. At this meeting a rubric was developed to rank the merit awards reflecting the current contract. All members unanimously voted to approve this new rubric and it was used the following meeting. At this meeting Marguerite Moore and Alex Ruuska agreed to co-chair the Faculty Grants Committee the following year. The vote was unanimous in favor of this arrangement.

**Curriculum Development**

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| Name  | Department | Title of Project | Ranking |
| Dr. Joanie Cowell | Education | A revision of the Graduate Learning Disabilities Program: Turning a Chevy into a Cadillac. | 1 |
| Dr. ZZ Lehmberg | English | EN 295 ST: EFL Teaching and International Traveling | 2 |
| Dr. Bethany Bergh | Education | Assessing In-Service Teachers in Clinical Settings: An Extended Conversation with Charlotte Danielson. | 3 |
| Dr. Abbey Cameron-Standerford | Education | A walk with Charlotte Danielson. Assessment to Improve the Clinical Practice for Pre-Service Teachers.  | 4 |

**Instructional Improvement**

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| Name  | Department | Title of Project | Ranking |
| Dr. Robert Goodrich | History | Development of a Historical Role-Playing Game using the “Reacting to the Past” Model. The Last Years of the Republic, Germany 1930-1933. | 1 |
| Dr. Carol Bell | Math and Computer Science | Enhancing Student Understanding of Developmental Mathematics | 2 |

8. On April 12th 2013 the Faculty Grants Committee met to discuss the Peter White Awards and the Merit Awards. A quorum was present. Four (4) applicants applied for the Peter White Award and ten (10) applied for the Merit Award. No Spooner Summer 2013 Grants were submitted. Both submitted awards were ranked as follows:

**Peter White 2013**

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| Name | Department | Title | Ranking |
| Dr. Jaspal Singh | English | Imagining Nations and Homelands | 1 |
| Dr. J Merek Haltof | English | Screening Auschwitz | 2 |
| Dr. Robert Whalen | English | The Complete Works of George Herbert | 3 |
| Dr. Zac Cogley | English | Anger is a gift | 4 |

**Merit Awards 2013**

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| **Name** | **Department** | **Ranking** |
| Dr. Michael Loukinen | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology | 1 |
| Dr. Suzanne Standerford | Education | 2 |
| John Smolens | English | 3 |
| Dr. Harry Whitaker | Psychology | 4 |
| Dr. J Marek Haltof | English | 5 |
| Dr. Sandra Imdieke | Education | 6 |
| Dr. David Prychitko | Economics | 7 |
| Dr. Claudia Hart | Business | 8 |
| Dr. Dwight Brady | CAPS | 9 |
| Dale Wedig | Art and Design | 10 |

Annual FGC report respectfully submitted to Academic Senate,

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Chair, Faculty Grants Committee

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