

Report on the Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship

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CSFS is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on Harris Leave proposals, study leave proposals, sabbatical leave proposals, and research leave proposals. In addition it oversees guidelines for faculty travel, and faculty scholarship support. It reviews requests for grants to support faculty scholarship and allocation of new funds to support faculty travel beyond the typical single trip.

Leaves for Scholarly Work

CSFS recommended 21 faculty sabbatical leaves, 9 for a full year and 12 for a single semester. In reviewing proposals the committee recognized that there were no guidelines for sabbatical proposals, and they decided to develop such guidelines. They are available at <http://www.grinnell.edu/dean/Forms/Sabbatical-gdln.html>.

CSFS also reviewed 9 Harris proposals and sent its recommendations to the Personnel Committee for final recommendation. Ultimately two faculty members received Harris leaves: Marc Chamberland, “Jacobian Conjectures: Global Invertibility and Global Asymptotic Stability”, and Kathy Jacobson, “Structuring of Macro-fungal Communities by Hydrologic Regimes in Endangered Dryland Riparian Ecosystems”.

CSFS reviewed and recommended a research leave to the following assistant professors: Elaine Marzluff, Chemistry; Philippe Moisan, French; Sam Rebelsky, Mathematics and Computer Science; Tyler Roberts, Religious Studies; and Kathleen Skerrett, Religious Studies.

CSFS Continued to work on the experimental leave program for Associate Professors and Professors, using support from the Fund for Excellence. That Study Leave program has as its goal to allow faculty to improve their scholarly productivity. Six faculty members were awarded Study Leaves: Bob Cadmus, Physics; Tony Crowley, Art; Jan Gross, French; Andrew Hsieh, History; Chuck Sullivan, Biology; Henry Walker, Mathematics and Computer Science. Due to departmental logistics, Henry Walker will delay his leave until 2002-03. The guidelines for Study Leaves are located at <http://www.grinnell.edu/dean/Forms/Stdv-Lv-Gdlns.html>.

Members of the committee held an open meeting with faculty members interested in applying for Harris and Study leaves, our two competitive leave programs to discuss the review and selection process and elements of successful proposals.

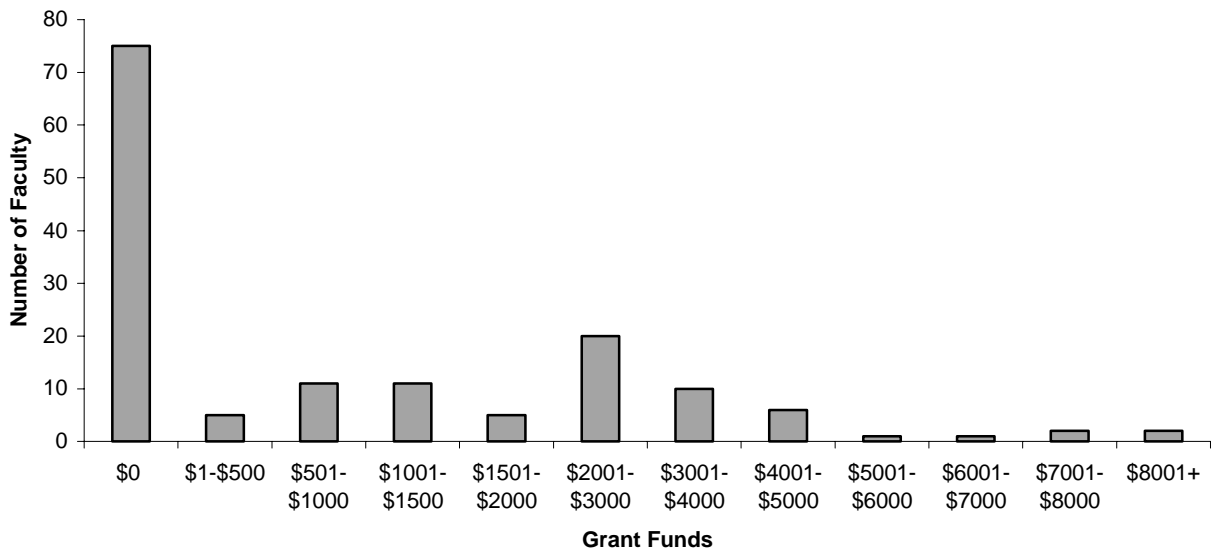
Grants to Support Scholarly Projects

The Committee awarded **47** grants to **45** faculty members during the academic year and **73** grants to **69** faculty members for summer work. Funding for these grants included **\$141,528.65** from the base budget plus **\$10,835.00** from the Shepard foreign travel fund and **\$40,250.00** from an HHMI grant. A graph of the total amount of awards provided to faculty follows below. The

committee also made recommendations on grants for summer support for MAP projects. It recommended funding for **60** MAP projects for the summer of 2001.

In making funding recommendations, the committee looked at the proposal, stage of career and scholarly productivity of faculty members. It generally was pleased with the quality in these areas.

CSFS Grant Support 2000-2001



Travel Support

CSFS reviewed the guidelines for travel support for ‘first’ trips to professional meetings and established guidelines for applications and funding of proposals for additional professional meetings. Those can be found at <http://www.grinnell.edu/dean/Forms/fac-trav-guides.html>. The committee has established a maximum of \$2000 for ‘first’ meetings, as they wanted to maximize the funds that were left to support additional meetings. In their review the Committee was assisted by helpful comments from the Committee for Fostering Foreign Language Study, and revised the maximum amounts for international transportation and the ways in which actual expenses are paid. CSFS also decided that, in making awards for second meetings, they favored providing funding to more faculty members at a somewhat lower level of support than funding to fewer faculty at full support. Thus most faculty members receiving funding for additional meetings had some out-of-pocket expenses.

Some faculty travel support was allocated to the Instructional Support Committee to award based upon needs to support curricular or pedagogical development and projects.

The following travel awards were made: **106** faculty for a total of **\$116,731.63** for ‘first’ trips, and **38** faculty for a total of **\$33,053.97** additional trips amounting to **\$149,785.60**. A graph of the amount of funding of faculty for faculty travel follows below.

Faculty Travel 2000-2001

