

## **Report of the Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship Jim Swartz, July, 2002**

CSFS is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on proposals for four different faculty scholarly leave programs: Harris, Study, Sabbatical, and Research. 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. Last year's committee developed a draft policy on expenditure of funds in named chair accounts. This year's committee reviewed that draft and comments received from named chairs, and adopted a policy that is posted at: [http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/supfac/oncampusopportunities/namedchair\\_guides/](http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/supfac/oncampusopportunities/namedchair_guides/)

### **Leaves for Scholarly Work**

CSFS recommended 22 faculty sabbatical leaves, 6 for a full year and 16 for a single semester. In the past two years, sabbatical proposals have been much better following the development of guidelines for leave proposals by the CSFS. The guidelines are available at <http://www.grinnell.edu/dean/Forms/Sabbatical-gdln.html>.

CSFS also reviewed 7 Harris proposals and sent its recommendations to the Personnel Committee for final recommendation. Year-long Harris Fellowships for the 2002-03 academic year were awarded to Mark Levandoski (Chemistry): "Single Channel Analysis of the Effects of Levamisole on Human Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors", and Pablo Silva (History): "White-Collar Revolutionaries: Middle-Class Unions and the Rise of the Chilean Left."

CSFS reviewed proposals of and recommended Research Leaves for the following assistant professors: Valerie Benoist, Kelly Herold, and Dan Reynolds.

The Study Leave program has as its goal to allow faculty to improve their scholarly productivity. Four faculty members were awarded Study Leaves: Michael Cavanagh (English): A scholarly/critical study of the works of Seamus Heaney. This work in progress will be continued with the writing of a number of essays, ultimately to be collected in one volume. Kathy Kamp and John Whittaker (Anthropology): A joint project with contributions in related but separate areas, working toward completion of a book discussing the reasons for abandonment by the Northern Sinagua in approximately 1300 A.D. of the area just east of modern Flagstaff, Arizona. Tom Hietala (History): Completion of a book manuscript about Muhammad Ali and "the Sixties," examining conflicts between culture and politics during that decade. Henry Walker and Andrew Hsieh will take study leaves in 2002-03 awarded for 2001-02 but delayed for logistical reasons. The guidelines for Study Leaves are located at <http://www.grinnell.edu/dean/Forms/Stdy-Lv-Gdlns.html>.

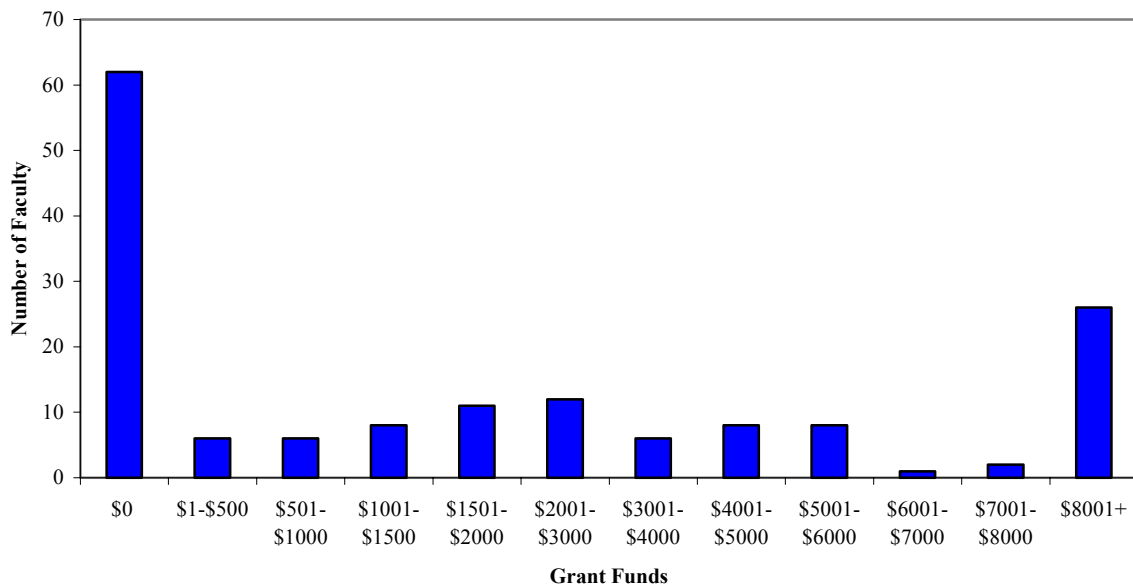
Members of the committee held the second annual open meeting with faculty members interested in applying for Harris and Study Leaves, our two competitive leave programs, to discuss the review and selection process and elements of successful proposals.

### Grants to Support Scholarly Projects

The Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship awarded 41 grants to 40 faculty members during the academic year and 81 grants to 72 faculty members for summer projects. Funding for these grants totaled \$124,114 from the base budget plus \$10,836 from the Shepard foreign travel fund. The Committee also made recommendations on grants for summer research with students, for a total of 85 Mentored Advanced Projects (MAPs) and Mentored Introductory Projects (MIPs) to be conducted by students and faculty in the summer of 2002. Total funds supporting student-faculty research amounted to \$431,000.

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.

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### Travel Support

The guidelines for travel support for trips to professional meetings 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. 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. The committee sent out a note to faculty members inviting comments on the guidelines and will discuss those guidelines in the 2002-03 academic year.

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: 104 faculty for a total of \$111,482.46 for ‘first’ trips, and 46 faculty for a total of \$38,037.89 additional trips, for a total of \$149,520.35. A graph of the amount of funding of faculty for faculty travel follows below.

