

Report of the Committee for Support of Faculty Scholarship

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Members of the CSFS for 2005-06 were: Marc Chamberland, Susan Ireland, Kathy Kamp, Susan Strauber, and Jim Swartz (Chair). CSFS is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on proposals for four different faculty scholarly leave programs: Harris, Research, Study, and Sabbatical. In addition it oversees guidelines for faculty travel, and faculty scholarship support. It reviews requests for grants to support faculty scholarship and allocation of funds to support faculty travel beyond the typical single trip. The Committee also reviews proposals for NEH and Mellon summer stipends and leaves.

Full-Year Leaves: Nine faculty members were awarded full year leaves for 2006-07. Of those, three are two-semester sabbaticals, one is a combination of a one-semester sabbatical with a one-semester leave using MAP compensation credits, one is a combination of a one-semester sabbatical with a one-semester Mellon Group of Eight Semester leave, two are Harris Faculty Fellowships, and two a combination of a Research leave or Sabbatical leave and an unpaid semester leave.

An unusually large number of nine Harris Leave proposals were reviewed by CSFS, which sent its recommendations to the Personnel Committee for final recommendation; year-long Harris Fellowship Leaves were awarded to:

Christopher French, Department of Mathematics, for his project “Equivariant Splittings of a Component of the Zeroth Space of the Equivariant Sphere Spectrum”, and to
Vida Praitis, Department of Biology, for her project, “Characterization of a Gene Required for Pharyngeal Morphogenesis in *C. Elegans*”.

The guidelines for sabbatical leaves are available at <http://www.grinnell.edu/dean/Forms/Sabbatical-gdln.html>, and for Harris Leaves at http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/supfac/oncampusopportunities/fac_leaves/harris_guides/

One-Semester Leaves: One-semester scholarly leaves were awarded to six faculty members to be exercised in 2006-07. Three will be one-semester sabbatical leaves, one will take a one-semester study leave, and two will take one-semester research leaves.

Study leave guidelines may be found at:

http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/supfac/oncampusopportunities/fac_leaves/study_lv_guides/jnl/

A one-semester Study Leave was awarded to
John Rommereim, Associate Professor of Music.

Research leave guidelines are available at

http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/supfac/oncampusopportunities/fac_leaves/jresearch_guides/

Research Leaves were recommended by the Committee for assistant professors Jason Drwal, Department of Psychology; Shonda Kuiper, Department of Mathematics(to be used in conjunction with a one-semester unpaid leave); and Kara Lycke, Department of Education.

Leaves funded by external agencies:

Nominees for Mellon grants were selected by the CSFS from among the study leave and Harris leave proposals submitted by Grinnell faculty.

Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Semester Leave

Mark Levandoski, Associate Professor of Chemistry, was the recipient of a Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Semester Leave, which he will use in conjunction with a one-semester sabbatical leave to do research.

Mellon Summer Stipend Awards

Marc Chamberland, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Alan Schrift, Department of Philosophy, were each awarded a summer stipend from the Mellon “Group of 8” Faculty Career Enhancement Grant. Schrift’s work will involve a student assistant.

Members of the committee held an 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.

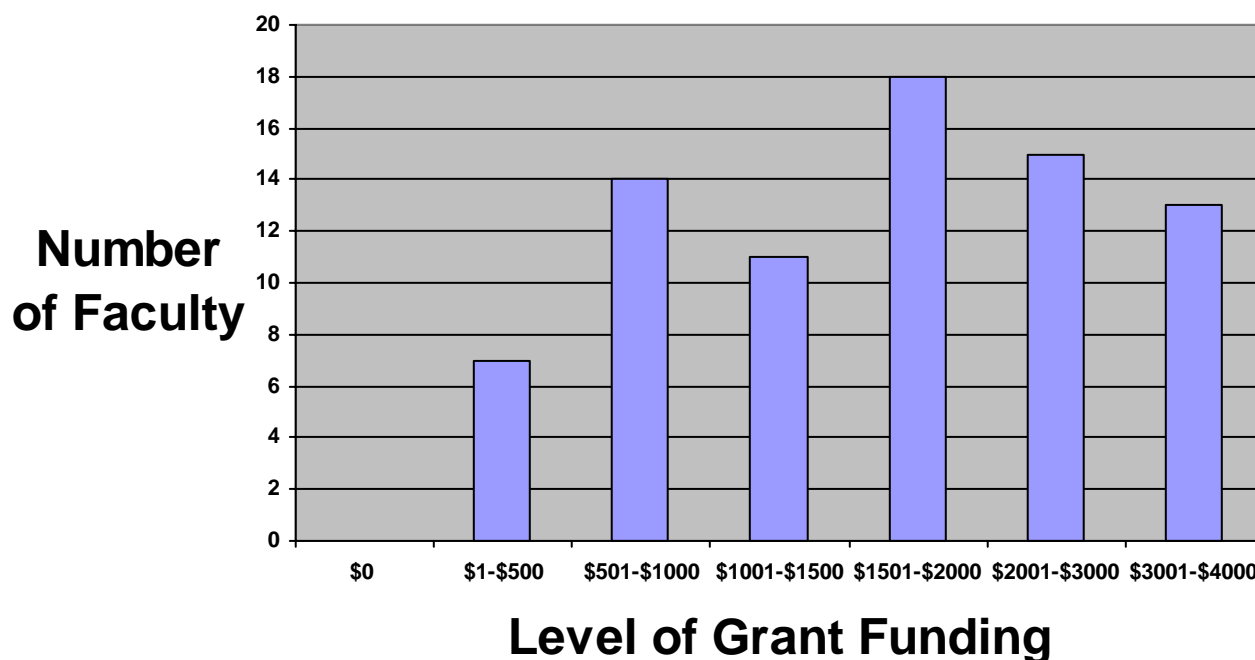
Harris applications included four from women and five from men. Study Leave applications were all from men. There were a relatively small number of Study Leave proposals, and we remain concerned that women faculty members are substantially underrepresented in the pool of applicants.

Grants to Support Scholarly Projects

The Committee for Support of Faculty Scholarship awarded 41 grants to 40 faculty members during the academic year and 37 grants to 37 faculty members for summer projects. Funding for these grants totaled \$150,471 from the base budget. The Committee also made recommendations on grants for summer research involving 94 students, including Mentored Advanced Projects (MAPs) and Directed Summer Research to be conducted by students and faculty in the summer of 2007. Total funds awarded for support of summer student-faculty research amounted to \$340,426 of which \$257,086 was from institutional funds and \$83,340 provided by grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institution, Mellon/Oberlin, and Lilly. These funds were supplemented by some external grants that provided support for individual projects. In addition, we expended a total of \$84,870 for scholarship support and other faculty travel for named chairs.

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 2006-2007



Support for Travel to Professional Meetings

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 to maximize the funds that were left to support additional meetings. CSFS also decided, in making awards for second meetings, to favor providing funding to more faculty members at a somewhat lower level of support rather than funding to fewer faculty members at full support. Thus most faculty members receiving funding for additional meetings have some out-of-pocket expenses. There were more requests for travel to additional meetings than funds available to support for travel to additional professional meetings so that some requests were denied. Generally preference was given to tenure-track faculty members and to second (over third) meeting requests. The expectation that travel reimbursements are now filed within 30 days of completion of a trip has dramatically improved our ability to manage these funds. This resulted in much better information about actual expenses and the ability to fund a substantial number of additional meetings.

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: 131 faculty members for a total of \$183,262 for 'first trips', and 40 faculty members for additional trips with a total of \$29,644. A grand total of \$212,906 was awarded for travel to professional meetings. The chart below shows the amount of funding for faculty travel.

Faculty Travel Expenditures 2005-2006

