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## FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS 2005 WINNERS

### The Faculty Grants Committee

announces the winners of the 2005 Faculty Research Grants Competition. Individual grants were made in two categories:

#### TYPE I. THIRD TERM RESEARCH STIPENDS

Christopher Bonneau	Political Science
Karin Boxer	Philosophy
Cheris Shun-Ching Chan	Sociology
Michael Goodhart	Political Science
Bryan Hanks	Anthropology
Debra Hawhee	English
Margaret Judd	Anthropology
Jessica Moss	Philosophy
Sebastian Saiegh	Political Science

#### TYPE II. RESEARCH EXPENSE GRANTS

Jane Harris	Slavic Languages & Literatures
Marcus Rediker	History
Assata-Nicole Richards	Sociology
Kellie Robertson	English
Natasha Tokowicz	Psychology
Andrew Weintraub	Music

## FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS 2006 COMPETITION

### The Faculty Grants Committee

announces that support will once again be available in fiscal year 2006-07 for Arts and Sciences faculty research projects in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, including proposals of an inter-disciplinary nature.

The application deadline is  
**Tuesday, January 31, 2006,**

though the Committee would appreciate having applications as soon as possible.

Individual grants will be made in two categories:

**TYPE I. THIRD TERM RESEARCH STIPENDS of \$4,000** for research activities in lieu of teaching. The purpose of this type of grant is to enable faculty members to be free from teaching duties during the Third Term in order to work full time on research projects.

**TYPE II. RESEARCH EXPENSE GRANTS** in support of specific project expenses such as microfilming, research materials, travel to libraries and other sources of information and clerical assistance. Actual expenses from \$100 to \$3,500 will be considered. Full funding, even for successful proposals, cannot be guaranteed.

**Eligibility** is limited to tenure-stream or tenured Arts and Sciences faculty on the Oakland campus. Restrictions regarding eligibility for Type I and Type II funding are

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specified later in this announcement. Please read these carefully.

**Applications** for both types of grants must be received by the Committee Chair by Tuesday, January 31, 2006. **No late proposals will be accepted.** All applicants will receive confirmation that their application has been received. For Type II grants, no funds can be disbursed until July 1, 2006; however, the research projects of grant recipients may begin before that date. For Type I grants, stipends will be included with July 31, 2006 paychecks unless funds become available which may allow the stipends to be included in May and/or June salaries. Awards will be announced in the beginning of April. Unfortunately, this Committee cannot provide applicants with individual evaluations of proposals.

**Application Format and Restrictions** are explained in the following paragraphs of this announcement. Further information can be obtained from the Committee Chair, Kay Brummond (telephone: 412-624-1955; e-mail: [kbrummond@pitt.edu](mailto:kbrummond@pitt.edu)).

### **ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!**

#### **TYPE I.**

#### **THIRD TERM RESEARCH STIPENDS OF \$4,000**

To be eligible for a Type I stipend the applicant must not be employed during the Third Term in any way which makes it impossible to devote maximum time to research. Priority is given to faculty in the lower ranks and to those who have not previously received such a grant. Research projects for which funds are generally available from other sources will receive low priority.

**Application Format:** The application consists of four parts: (1) A cover sheet and current CV, including mention of all previous grants with amount and year; (2) an abstract summarizing the proposal in simple terms; (3) the proposal itself; and (4) a title sheet and self-addressed (campus) envelope. No application will be accepted unless it contains a current CV.

1. The cover sheet should be appended to a current CV and include the following information in the order listed here: (A) name of applicant, (B) faculty rank, (C) department, (D) university mailing address and extension, (E) applications pending or funding expected for the same period or the same research, (F) type of grant (I or II), and (G) title of research project. Please indicate previous funding, both internal and external. Faculty members who have received an A&S grant within the last 5 years should also submit a brief (1 to 2 paragraph) statement describing the results of the project(s) funded.

2. The abstract (100-200 words) should summarize the proposal in simple terms.
3. The proposal should be written in such a manner that members of the Committee who are not experts in your field can understand your proposal. Technical jargon should be avoided. Applicants are encouraged to bear in mind that the evaluators represent a wide range of disciplines in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The proposal should contain: (A) a statement of the problem; (B) the objectives and expected significance of the research; (C) if applicable to your field, the relationship of the research to the present state of knowledge in the field (with appropriate bibliographic references), a description of your own related previous work or, for applicants in writing or the arts, representative samples of your work; and (D) methods or procedure (how you expect to reach the stated objectives) and, if applicable, a description of data collection techniques and analysis. The proposal itself should be limited to **six double-spaced pages including bibliographic references**. No offprints, photocopies, tapes or other examples of previous work should be enclosed. **Proposals that do not follow this format will not be reviewed.**
4. The title sheet and self-addressed envelope will be returned to the applicant to verify receipt of the proposal.

**Copies:** Twelve copies of the application should be sent to the Committee Chair, Kay Brummond (Department of Chemistry/803-B Chevron Science Center).

#### **TYPE I. RESTRICTIONS**

Faculty members who have contractual obligations, including cash advanced for writing, or those engaged in traditionally compensated Third Term teaching or administrative assignments, or with other University or sponsored research summer salary support, are not eligible for these grants.

Grants are not given for projects known to be lucrative commercial ventures, dissertation research or curriculum development.

#### **TYPE II. RESEARCH EXPENSE GRANTS**

Type II grants are given to cover specific research project expenses for which other sources of funding are not available. Priority is given to faculty in the lower ranks and to

new research projects; however, well-justified expenses for successful projects in the later stages of development are also considered.

**Application Format:** The application format for a Type II grant is the same as for a Type I grant, with the addition of a detailed budget.

**The Budget:** On a separate page, the project expenses should be itemized and justified in reasonable detail. Travel expenses should be explained in detail; transportation costs will be limited to coach class airfare. Applicants should submit the most recent airfare quotes from one of the University-designated travel agencies.

**Copies:** Twelve copies of the application should be sent to the Committee Chair, Kay Brummond (Department of Chemistry/803-B Chevron Science Center).

#### TYPE II. RESTRICTIONS

Type II grants are not given for:

- travel for the purpose of attending conferences or symposia
- projects known to be lucrative commercial ventures
- dissertation research
- curriculum development
- travel for purposes of research that is otherwise funded
- materials or equipment which can be borrowed or are readily available locally
- typing of manuscripts

Library materials acquired under a grant are to be deposited in the University library when they are no longer needed for the project.

### A&S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005 - 12:30 P.M.

**In Attendance:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans Steven Husted, James F. Knapp (Vice Chair), and Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Professors Daniel Berkowitz, Nicole Constable, Patrick Doreian, William Harbert, Delanie Jenkins, and John Norton; Mr. Daniel Radelet

**Not Attending:** Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Professors Joseph Adjaye, Carson Chow, Stephen Meriney, Vladimir Padunov, Peter Siska, and Franklin Toker; Mr. Richard Clarke

#### 1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 28, 2005

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2005. A correction of Associate Dean Husted's future title to Associate Editor was noted and Patrick Doreian put forth a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Daniel Berkowitz and accepted unanimously.

#### 2. Dean's Announcements

- **Marion Sikora**, Environmental Studies junior, won a **2005 Udall Scholarship** for exemplary leadership and scholarship toward environmental careers.
- **Justin Chalker**, Chemistry and History and Philosophy of Science junior, and **Anna Quider**, Physics and Astronomy sophomore, were both recipients of a **2005 Goldwater Scholarship**.
- **Maria Cruz-Saco**, Alumna of Economics, has been **hired as the new Dean of College at Wesleyan University**. Cruz-Saco received her PhD in Economics at the University of Pittsburgh in 1983 and currently serves as the Interim Dean and as a Professor of Economics at Connecticut College.
- **Jeffrey Schwartz**, Professor of Anthropology, was named a **Fellow in the World Academy of Art and Science**.
- **Deane Root**, Professor and Chair of the Music Department, was **featured in a documentary piece on CBC Radio's *The Sunday Edition***, a national program. Bruce Nunn, writer and broadcaster for the show, interviewed Root for a show that focused on Stephen Foster's ballad "Lizzie Dies Tonight."

- **John Norton**, Professor and Chair of History and Philosophy of Science, was **featured on the front page of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*** in an article about Einstein called "Finding Einstein: From CD players to elevators, he's just about everywhere," about the relationship of Einstein's work to everyday life.
- **Mary P. Edmonds**, Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences and member of the National Academy of Sciences, **died on April 16 at the age of 82** from complications related to a heart attack.

### 3. Update on Recruiting Season

Dean Cooper noted that Arts & Sciences has authorized 50 searches for the upcoming academic year and that 22 authorized offers have been accepted; 40 percent of these new faculty are women and one is African American. Arts & Sciences has nine offers that are pending.

Dean Cooper explained that there will be more senior hiring this year due to support from the Provost. The senior recruitment season has been extremely successful this year with five offers extended and accepted, six offers currently extended, and four close to being extended.

Dean Cooper estimated that there would be a total of about 30 hires by the end of the recruiting season.

### 4. Report from A&S Undergraduate Council

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck commented on two action items from the previous A&S Council meeting. The first was a response to a question raised by Professor Franklin Toker on the possibility of more specificity within the PeopleSoft system for listing special topics courses. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck noted that on line six of the Web page there is a selected space for stating the topic for the special topics course. The second action item was a response to a request by Associate Professor Vladimir Padunov for the internship guidelines. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck provided Council with printed copies of those modified internship guidelines.

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck addressed the following curricular changes:

- New minors in Computer Science and Portuguese Language were accepted by the Provost and will begin in the fall.
- The A&S leadership certificate was rejected.

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck noted that the A&S-UC has completed 68 items of business for the spring term.

John Norton put forth a motion to accept the report from the A&S-UC. The motion was seconded by Daniel Radelet and accepted unanimously.

### 5. Report from A&S Graduate Council

Associate Dean Husted noted that applications are up 1 percent from last year and that the proportion of international students is similar to last year at about 50 percent. Associate Dean Husted indicated that next fall there will be a new version of the TOEFL exam that will have four components of evaluation, including writing reading, speaking, and listening. A perfect score for each section is 30, for a perfect total of 120.

Dean Cooper noted the importance of benchmarking the TOEFL.

Nicole Constable put forth a motion to accept the report from the A&S-GC. The motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

### 6. Tenure Council Procedures

Dean Cooper requested advice from the Council members on ways to improve the speed of tenure and promotion cases and the speed on external hire cases. He explained that the most painful step for both the tenure and outside hire processes is the convening of an *ad hoc* committee, and said that the single most important cultural change would be for members of Tenure Council to be more generous with their time. Associate Dean Knapp suggested that it would be helpful to have standing committees for external hires in order to have a committee on standby for each division to help eliminate some of the delay. Dean Cooper added that members of these standing committees should be of full Professor rank in order for them to review any case presented. A&S Council members were pleased with the idea of a standing committee, and expressed minimal concerns.

### 7. Other Business

Dean Cooper mentioned a possible meeting in May to discuss the replacement of Associate Dean Steven Husted. Dean Cooper also brought up the possibility of electronic review of his nominee for the position if it was difficult to schedule a meeting. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

**A&S COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 - 1:00 P.M.

**In Attendance:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans Nicole Constable, James F. Knapp (Vice Chair), and Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Professors Joseph Adjaye, Stephen Coleman, Peter Koehler, Juan Manfredi, Vladimir Padunov, Kirk Savage, Jonathan Scott, Peter Siska, and Franklin Toker; Mr. Jon Lafky

**Not Attending:** Professors Cecil Blake and Stephen Meriney; Mr. Benjamin Cavallari

**1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on April 25, 2005**

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on April 25, 2005. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck noted the correct name for an approved minor as Portuguese and Luso Brazilian Culture. Peter Koehler put forth a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Franklin Toker and accepted unanimously.

**2. Dean's Report**

- **The University has made special arrangements in response to the Katrina Disaster** to register affected Pennsylvania undergraduates who would like to be guest students for the current term. Registrar Sam Conte will act as the clearing house for undergraduate registrations, and students should be referred to him. The University will waive late fees and admissions fees. Faculty members are asked to make every effort to accommodate such students even if their classes are crowded, as so many are at this time of year.
- **Peter Wipf**, University Professor of Chemistry, along with John Lazo of SOM, **received a \$9 million grant from the NIH to establish the University of Pittsburgh Molecular Libraries Screening Center.**
- **Anna Vainchtein**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, **received a National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development Award (\$400,000).**
- **The Philosophy Department tied for fourth place** with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, as **ranked by the Philosophical Gourmet Report's Top 10 listing of 2004.**

- **Jack Daniel**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, **will resign from his position as of December 31, 2005**, but will remain a Professor of Communication.

**3. Election of A&S Council Member as Vice Chairperson to Serve in Dean's Absence**

Dean Cooper reminded members that in Section III.7 of the A&S Bylaws, it states that "Council shall elect one of its members each year to be Vice Chairperson, who shall preside at the meetings of A&S Council and of the faculty in the absence of the Dean." Dean Cooper asked for nominations or volunteers for the position of Vice Chairperson. He said that Associate Dean Knapp had served as the Vice Chairperson for the previous year. Associate Dean Knapp was nominated for this position by Vladimir Padunov, and the nomination was seconded by Joseph Adjaye. Associate Dean Knapp was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chairperson of the A&S Council.

**4. Report from A&S Undergraduate Council**

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck reported that the size of the incoming freshman class is 2445 FTE which is 250 students larger than last year.

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck noted that the internship guidelines are now available on the Web, and will be presented to chairs at the Annual Department Chairs and Program Directors Meeting on September 8, 2005.

Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck reported that the A&S-UC had not yet met. English Literature Medieval Drama was approved over the summer to fulfill a requirement.

Peter Koehler put forth a motion to accept the report from the A&S-UC. The motion was seconded by Peter Siska and carried unanimously.

**5. Report from A&S Graduate Council**

Associate Dean Constable reported that the A&S-GC had not yet met and that the Office of Graduate Studies had received 75 more applications than the 3725 applications it received last year. Graduate Studies has increased its number of newly registered students by 14, and the average QPA has increased by 0.33 with the TOEFL up eight points from last year.

Juan Manfredi put forth a motion to accept the report from the A&S-GC. The motion was seconded by Peter Siska and carried unanimously.

**6. Slate for Nominating Committee**

Dean Cooper summarized the role of the A&S Nominating Committee, and read the relevant sections from the A&S Bylaws (A&S Bylaws, Section III.13). He reminded Council members that a slate of candidates was to be advertised as per the Bylaws, and presented at the fall meeting of the faculty of the School of Arts & Sciences, after which the Nominating Committee of six members (two from each division of Arts & Sciences) shall be elected by ballot. The faculty member with the most votes from each Division also serves as an A&S representative on the Senate Committee for Elections for a two-year term. Dean Cooper outlined the duties of the Nominating Committee and the charge to that Committee, so that members of the A&S Council would be able to explain this involvement to nominees from their division. Dean Cooper also pointed out that faculty members who served on the Nominating Committee in the previous year are not eligible to serve this year. He then asked for nominations from A&S Council of suitable candidates for the Nominating Committee, and said that as many departments as possible should be represented on the slate of nominees.

A&S Council members then prepared a rank ordered list of nominees for the Nominating Committee. One A&S Council member from each division agreed to contact these nominees to ascertain their willingness to serve if elected.

**7. Set Dates and Agenda Items for Full Faculty Meeting**

Dean Cooper listed the dates proposed for consideration as follows:

- Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 21, 2005, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

The date of Wednesday, November 16, 2005 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. was selected by Council. A motion to accept the date and the agenda (as amended) for the Fall Full Faculty Meeting was put forth by Stephen Coleman. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**8. Elect a Social Sciences Faculty Member as a Member of the A&S Council to Replace Nicole Constable**

A slate of three candidates for the replacement of Nicole Constable as a social sciences faculty member elected to the A&S Council was prepared. Dean Cooper volunteered to contact the nominees.

**9. Appoint A&S Council Member from Natural Sciences to A&S-PBC**

Dean Cooper outlined the structure of the membership of the A&S Planning and Budget Committee and said the elected members serve three-year terms on the PBC. He pointed out that the three-year appointment of Carson Chow has ended, and that it is necessary to elect a member of the A&S Council from the Natural Sciences division to take his place on the PBC.

Professor Peter Siska was nominated and declared the Natural Sciences representative for the Arts & Sciences Planning and Budget Committee. Dean Cooper volunteered to contact Peter Siska and inform him of this decision.

**10. Other Business**

Dean Cooper asked Associate Dean Constable for a progress report with regards to any students A&S had accepted in response to the Katrina disaster. Associate Dean Constable reported that CGS had accepted three students and that, to date, A&S had accepted two. Associate Dean Constable also reported that A&S was trying to streamline the procedures for admittance of graduate students, and noted that she would be contacting department chairs.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

**A&S PLANNING AND BUDGETING  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005 - 3:00 P.M.**

**Attending:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans W. Richard Howe, Steven Husted, and James F. Knapp; Assistant Deans Michelle L. Amato and Barbara L. Vattimo; Professors Stuart Hastings, Delanie Jenkins, Laura Ruetsche, and Alberta Sbragia; Mr. Robert Fagley, Ms. Kristen Flanagan, Ms. Patricia Henry, Mr. Jason Morris, Ms. Dorothy Shallenberger, and Ms. Donna Yurko

**Not Attending:** Associate Dean Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Professors Daniel Berkowitz and Carson Chow

**1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 17, 2005**

Dean Cooper presented the minutes from the March 17, 2005 meeting. Associate Dean Knapp put forth a motion to accept the minutes. That motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

## 2. Review Final Draft of the Planning Document

The members of the A&S Planning and Budgeting Committee reviewed the final draft of the Arts & Sciences 2006 Planning Document. Discussion ensued concerning new features of the Planning Document including its easier to read format complete with color pictures. Dean Cooper spoke of benchmarking the School in comparison to both its peers and aspiration peers. He explained that he has participated in a data exchange with other AAU Deans, but that the group wants the data to be confidential. Dean Cooper listed the universities of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Virginia as especially relevant aspiration peers for Arts & Sciences due to their similarities in size.

Associate Dean Husted put forth a motion to present the 2006 Planning Document to the Provost. The motion was seconded by Alberta Sbragia and carried unanimously.

## 3. Other Business

With no other business the final 2004-2005 meeting of the A&S-PBC was adjourned.

### **A&S PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 - 1:00 P.M.

**Attending:** Dean N. John Cooper (Chair); Associate Deans W. Richard Howe, James F. Knapp, and Regina Schulte-Ladbeck; Assistant Dean Michelle L. Amato; Professors Daniel Berkowitz, Stuart Hastings, Delanie Jenkins, and Peter Siska; Ms. Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Ms. Dorothy Shallenberger, and Ms. Donna Yurko

**Not Attending:** Associate Dean Nicole Constable; Assistant Dean Barbara L. Vattimo; Professors Barbara McCloskey and Alberta Sbragia; Mr. Robert Fagley, Ms. Kristen Flanagan, and Ms. Judy Stern

## 1. Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 24, 2005

Dean Cooper presented the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2005. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck noted that Associate Dean Husted was listed as not attending and, in fact, was present. Associate Dean Schulte-Ladbeck put forth a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Michele Belfort-Mihalyi and accepted unanimously.

## 2. Dean's Announcements

- **Peter Wipf**, University Professor of Chemistry, along with John Lazo of SOM, **received a \$9 million grant from the NIH to establish the University of Pittsburgh Molecular Libraries Screening Center.**
- **Jack Daniel**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, **will resign from his position as of December 31, 2005**, but will remain a Professor of Communication.

## 3. Charge to the Committee

Dean Cooper read the Arts & Sciences Bylaws section on the Arts & Sciences Planning and Budgeting Committee (A&S-PBC):

*This Committee shall consist of the Dean (who shall preside); the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies; three faculty members (one from each division) appointed by the A&S Council from among its elected members; three faculty members elected directly by division; three Staff members elected by division; and three Graduate Student members (one from each division) appointed by the A&S Graduate Student Organization. The A&S-PBC members will serve for staggered three-year terms and meet as necessary during the year. The A&S-PBC shall work with and advise the Dean regarding budgetary matters and planning in the framework of the University's Planning and Budgeting System (PBS) as adopted originally in 1992 and modified from time to time.*

Dean Cooper explained that the A&S-PBC has evolved into a yearly exercise that puts together a strategic planning document reflecting what A&S is and how A&S should change. The document is important in setting strategic priorities, and is also an effective way of communicating with faculty about the overall direction of the School. Dean Cooper noted that it is essential that A&S-PBC is able to have frank conversations about what A&S can and cannot do, but, in order to do this, the PBC needs to agree that conversations at the meetings of the PBC are confidential until the Planning Document is submitted to the Provost and circulated to faculty.

The Planning Document is traditionally due March 1, but A&S has accelerated a number of annual process cycles and would like to accelerate the planning and

budget cycle to position the School to take better advantage of Academic Initiative funding available from the Provost. Dean Cooper emphasized how important it is that the PBC think strategically about the future of A&S as a large School at the core of the University.

#### 4. Review Response from the Provost and the Provost's PBC to the FY2005 Planning Document

Dean Cooper reviewed with the Committee the response from the Provost and of the Provost's PBC to last year's Planning Document. Both the Provost and his PBC endorsed our plans, and appreciated the more succinct format adapted. Dean Cooper noted that the Planning Document probably should be shortened further, down to 15 to 20 pages.

Dean Cooper pointed out that we do not yet have the Provost's instructions for the FY 2007 Planning cycle, but suggested that the PBC could anticipate key aspects of the instructions and should move ahead with the planning process.

#### 5. Report on the Budget

Dean Cooper used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss in broad terms the revenue elements of the A&S Budget, including Entity 2 (tuition and Commonwealth Appropriation), Entity 3 (independent cost centers), Entity 4 Research Development Fund (RDF), Entity 4 non-RDF (gifts and endowment revenues), and Entity 5 (External Research Sponsorship). He discussed how these revenue streams are spent on faculty and staff salaries and fringe benefits; graduate students stipends for TAs, TFs, GSAs, and GSRs; graduate tuition scholarships for TAs, TFs, GSAs, GSRs, and others; and operating budgets for departments and programs. Dean Cooper pointed out that the A&S share of the \$5 million base budget cut, referred to in the Chancellor's July 27, 2005 statement, is \$1.1 million, and that this is entirely an Entity 2 reduction. He argued that a thoughtful response that positions the School to make better strategic use of the reduced budget would help to make a case for new Academic Initiative funding.

#### 6. Other Business

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

## A&S GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2005

**Attendees:** Erik Angner, Michele Belfort-Mihalyi, Lisa Brush, Bobby Chamberlain, Joanna Hastings Smolko, Robert Hayden, D. John Hillier, Steven Husted, and Lewis Jacobson. Not in attendance: Zsuzsa Horvath, Marcia Landy, Robert Walters, and Robert Youker.

1. The February 11, 2005 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. The **Computational Biology proposal** that was presented in February and later amended according to the Council's suggestions was accepted unanimously by the UCGS in its April meeting. This program is set up to begin in the fall; faculty members in the School of Medicine have been accepting applications for this program. There is some concern that the interests of this year's applicants do not match up well with those of A&S faculty involved in the program.

#### 3. TA/TF Reports

John Hillier and Erik Angner gave a summary of the **Biological Sciences report**. Both agree that the Department has an excellent training program in place; this was confirmed, in part, in the committee's meetings with faculty representatives and with the graduate students. Two concerns raised by the students involved a lack of clarity in the allocation of TA assignments and a desire by the students for more teaching experiences (the Department currently does not allow its students to teach stand-alone courses). Biological Sciences will turn in a written response at a later time but the Department's verbal response indicated that it was pleased with the report, and would try to make changes on one suggestion made.

Lisa Brush summarized the **committee report and the response of the Department of Philosophy**: Overall the picture is strong. However, the students expressed some reservations that the record of departmental practices and the reality of practices did not match up well. In the Department response, almost all suggestions made in the report appear to have been addressed, in the order that the subcommittee prioritized them. During the meeting with the students, they raised concerns about the relatively low number of women in the graduate student body and in the faculty. In its response, the Department did not address the gender issue.



**Hispanic Report** (Subcommittee members Marcia Landy and Zsuzsa Horvath were not present): Associate Dean Husted reported that the meetings with both the language coordinators and the students went very well. He noted that the students expressed considerable frustration with their inability to teach anything other than introductory language courses and a concern about a lack of clarity in the allocation of TA teaching assignments. Nonetheless, the students were strongly supportive of recent changes made by the Department in finding effective language coordinators. Associate Dean Husted praised the Department response to the subcommittee report, noting that it very carefully addressed all of the points made by the subcommittee.

Associate Dean Husted felt that all three reviews were productive exercises.

4. **TOEFL Scores.** Beginning in September the format for the TOEFL exam will change. Previously there were two parts, reading and writing. Now there will be four components: reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and this will all be Web-based. A maximum of 30 points will be given to each part, giving a total of 120.

There are a variety of issues that the University will have to face up to, one being how does it set standards on the performance of this exam? The new test has four different parts. Does the University set a minimum score for all four parts or a different standard for each part? Comparable institutions have undertaken pilot programs with ETS to arrive at minimum benchmarks in each component for their admission: Writing 22 to 25; Speaking 23 to 24; Reading 20 to 21; Listening 17; giving a total of 83 to 86. These scores are being reevaluated by schools participating in ETS' initial pilot studies and their reevaluated scores should be made available, thus giving the University of Pittsburgh a foundation for setting its own benchmarks. These proposed scores have come under recent criticism by several schools that have used the exam during its development trials. ETS is now reevaluating.

Vice Provost Beeson brought this before UCGS and decided to table the motion on setting minimum scores until September. Before establishing a policy here, Beeson wants to find out more about what other schools are doing.

5. **Application Numbers.** Associate Dean Husted informed Council that this year, for the first time ever, 100 percent of the applications received were submitted online. As of April 22, there are close to 3,700 applications. This is about 1 percent more than the applications received last year. Slightly less than 50 percent came from U.S. students, which is the identi-

cal proportion of international students who applied online last year. This suggests that our numbers are holding steady even as nationwide international applications have fallen dramatically over the past several years.

6. Associate Dean Husted ended the meeting by thanking the members of the Council for their service, especially those who were completing their terms. He also announced that effective September 1, 2005, he was stepping down as Associate Dean. His replacement has not yet been named.
7. Meeting adjourned.

**FACULTY PERSONNEL  
ACTIONS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

ANTHROPOLOGY

Gabriella Lukacs  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Joseph Martens  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

M. Brian Traw  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Vernon Twombly, Jr.  
Visiting Laboratory Instructor  
September 1, 2005

CHEMISTRY

Damodaran Krishnan Achary  
Research Instructor  
October 4, 2005

Yury Skorik  
Lecturer  
August 1, 2005

Thomas Sommerfeld  
Research Assistant Professor  
July 1, 2005

Megan Spence  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Alexander Star  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

John Williams  
Research Assistant Professor  
October 1, 2005

COMMUNICATION

Thomas Baggerman  
Visiting Instructor  
September 1, 2005

Nathan Crick  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Zachary Furness  
Visiting Instructor  
September 1, 2005

Gerald Shuster  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Mark Kahrs  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

A. Yasir Khalifa  
Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

ECONOMICS

Delia Barnett  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

M. Utku Ünver  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Nese Yildiz  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

ENGLISH

Thomas Aspell  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Molly Brown  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

David Clippinger  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Catherine Day  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Peter Gillespie  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Jeffrey Hole  
Visiting Instructor  
September 1, 2005

John Johns  
Visiting Instructor  
September 1, 2005

Nancy Koerbel  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Juli Parrish  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Richard Pioto  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

William Scott, Jr.  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Cynthia Skrzycki  
Senior Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Tracy Smith  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Jennifer Waldron  
Assistant Professor  
August 1, 2005

FRENCH AND ITALIAN  
LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Todd Reeser  
Assistant Professor  
July 1, 2005

HISPANIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Gonzalo Lamana  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

HISTORY OF ART AND  
ARCHITECTURE

Christopher Armstrong  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Joshua Ellenbogen  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Minglu Gao  
Associate Professor w/ tenure  
September 1, 2005

LINGUISTICS

Janine Carlock  
Visiting Assistant Instructor  
September 1, 2005

Erin O'Rourke  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Mary Paster  
Visiting Instructor  
September 1, 2005

MATHEMATICS

Bogdan Ion  
Assistant Professor  
June 1, 2005

MUSIC

Jason Grant  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Amy Williams  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

PHILOSOPHY

Thomas Ricketts  
Professor w/ tenure  
September 1, 2005

Sebastian Rödl  
Associate Professor  
September 1, 2005

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Arthur Kosowsky  
Associate Professor w/ tenure  
September 1, 2005

Chandralekha Singh  
Associate Professor  
October 1, 2005

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Steven Finkel  
Professor w/ tenure and Daniel  
Wallace Chair  
September 1, 2005

George Krause  
Professor w/ tenure  
September 1, 2005

Scott Morgenstern  
Associate Professor w/ tenure  
September 1, 2005

PSYCHOLOGY

Jee Won Cheong  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

Nelly Stadler  
Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal  
Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Andrew Gross  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

SLAVIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Lenka Pankova  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

SOCIOLOGY

Elizabeth Larsen  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

STUDIO ARTS

Holland Williams  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

THEATRE ARTS

Elena Alexandratos  
Visiting Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Connie Oxford  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
September 1, 2005

**CHANGES IN RANK**

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Gerard Campbell  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

Deborah Chapman  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

Ricky Relyea  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

CHEMISTRY

Paul Floreancig  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

COMMUNICATION

Lester Olson  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Diane Litman  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Hiroshi Nara  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

Ebru Türker  
Title Changed, Visiting Assistant  
Professor  
September 1, 2005

ENGLISH

Troy Boone  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

Adam Lowenstein  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

HISPANIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Jerome Branche  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

HISTORY

Snjezana Buzov  
Title Changed, Visiting Assistant  
Professor  
September 1, 2005

Carolyn Carson  
Promoted, Senior Lecturer  
September 1, 2005

MATHEMATICS

Paul Gartside  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

Jonathan Rubin  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

Dehua Wang  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

NEUROSCIENCE

Susan Sesack  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Desmond Hillier  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

Jeremy Levy  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

Regina Schulte-Ladbeck  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

POLITICAL SCIENCE

David Barker  
Promoted, Associate Professor w/  
tenure  
September 1, 2005

SLAVIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

David Birnbaum  
Promoted, Professor  
September 1, 2005

**ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES**

ARTS & SCIENCES, OFFICE OF THE  
DEAN

Nicole Constable  
Succeeding Steven Husted as  
Associate Dean  
for Graduate Studies and Research  
September 1, 2005

CHEMISTRY

David Waldeck  
Succeeding Kenneth Jordan as  
Chair  
July 1, 2005

CLASSICS

D. Mark Possanza  
Succeeding Edwin Floyd as Chair  
September 1, 2005

ENGLISH

Stephen Carr  
Appointed Acting Chair  
September 1, 2005-August 31, 2006

GEOLOGY AND PLANETARY  
SCIENCE

Brian Stewart  
Succeeding William Harbert as  
Chair  
July 1, 2005

GERMANIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Sabine von Dirke  
Appointed Acting Chair  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF  
SCIENCE

Sandra Mitchell  
Succeeding John Norton as Chair  
September 1, 2005

MATHEMATICS

Juan Manfredi  
Succeeding John Chadam as Chair  
September 1, 2005

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Linda Penkower  
Appointed Acting Chair  
February 1-June 30, 2005

Linda Penkower  
Appointed Interim Chair  
July 1-August 31, 2005

Linda Penkower  
Succeeding Steven Edwards as  
Chair  
September 1, 2005

SOCIOLOGY

John Markoff  
Succeeding Patrick Doreian as  
Chair  
September 1, 2005

STUDIO ARTS

Delanie Jenkins  
Succeeding Michael Morrill as  
Chair  
September 1, 2005

**SABBATICALS/LEAVES OF  
ABSENCE**

ANTHROPOLOGY

Terrence Kaufman  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Harry Sanabria  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Linda Jen-Jacobson  
Leave of Absence  
September 12-December 15, 2005

CLASSICS

Edwin Floyd  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

COMMUNICATION

Marcy Halpin  
Leave of Absence  
August 29-December 16, 2005

Henry Krips  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

Joan Leach  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jackson Carvalho  
Leave of Absence  
July 11-July 31, 2005

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Sachiko Howard  
Leave of Absence  
August 29-December 23, 2005

ECONOMICS

Elizabeth Wallace  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

ENGLISH

David Bartholomae  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Eric Clarke  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Lucy Fischer  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Geeta Kothari  
Leave of Absence  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Valerie Krips  
Leave of Absence  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Adam Lowenstein  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Jeffrey Oaks  
Leave of Absence  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Tracy Smith  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

FRENCH AND ITALIAN  
LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Francesca Savoia  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

GERMANIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Beverly Harris-Schenz  
Leave of Absence  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Clark Muenzer  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

HISTORY

Laurence Glasco  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Marcus Rediker  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF  
SCIENCE

James Lennox  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

John Norton  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

HISTORY OF ART AND  
ARCHITECTURE

Joshua Ellenbogen  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

LINGUISTICS

Pascual Masullo  
Leave of Absence  
August 29, 2005-January 3, 2006

MATHEMATICS

John Chadam  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-May 31, 2006

Yibiao Pan  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

William Troy  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Dehua Wang  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

MUSIC

Andrew Weintraub  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

NEUROSCIENCE

Susan Sesack  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

PHILOSOPHY

Sebastian Rödl  
Leave of Absence  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

Mark Wilson  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Andrew Connolly  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Jonathan Harris  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

Robert Walters  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

PSYCHOLOGY

Irene Frieze  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

Donald McBurney  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Adam Shear  
Leave of Absence  
September 1-December 31, 2005

SLAVIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Oscar Swan  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

SOCIOLOGY

Patrick Doreian  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1, 2005-April 30, 2006

John Marx  
Sabbatical Leave  
September 1-December 31, 2005

**RETIREMENT**

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Stanley Shostak  
Associate Professor Emeritus  
April 30, 2005

Charles Walsh  
Associate Professor Emeritus  
April 30, 2005

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

J. Thomas Rimer  
Professor Emeritus  
April 30, 2005

ENGLISH

Lewis Nordan  
Professor Emeritus  
June 30, 2005

William Searle  
Associate Professor Emeritus  
April 30, 2005

FRENCH AND ITALIAN  
LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Daniel Russell  
Professor Emeritus  
April 30, 2005

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Irving Lowe  
Professor Emeritus  
August 31, 2005

PSYCHOLOGY

Francis Colavita  
Associate Professor Emeritus  
August 31, 2005

Robert Glaser  
University Professor Emeritus  
April 30, 2005

**RESIGNATIONS**

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

April Claus  
Visiting Laboratory Instructor  
July 7, 2005

CHEMISTRY

Amy Beisler  
Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

Kasi Somayajula  
Research Associate Professor  
June 22, 2005

COMMUNICATION

Robin Means-Coleman  
Associate Professor  
August 31, 2005

Carol Stabile  
Associate Professor  
August 31, 2005

Ronald von Burg  
Visiting Instructor  
August 31, 2005

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Markus Mock  
Assistant Professor  
August 31, 2005

ECONOMICS

Larissa Campuzano  
Visiting Lecturer  
May 31, 2005

In-Uck Park  
Assistant Professor  
August 31, 2005

ENGLISH

Emily Bauman  
Visiting Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

Debra Hawhee  
Assistant Professor  
August 31, 2005

Patrick Mullen  
Visiting Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

Jennifer Trainor  
Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

FRENCH AND ITALIAN  
LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Deborah Blocker  
Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

HISPANIC LANGUAGES &  
LITERATURES

Ligia Aldana  
Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

Mabel Moraña  
Professor  
April 30, 2005

HISTORY

Donna Gabaccia  
Andrew W. Mellon Professor  
August 31, 2005

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

David Karmon  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

LINGUISTICS

Suzanne Curtin  
Assistant Professor  
August 31, 2005

Robert DeKeyser  
Associate Professor  
August 22, 2005

MATHEMATICS

Carson Chow  
Associate Professor  
August 31, 2005

David Saunders  
Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

MUSIC

David Brodbeck  
Professor  
August 15, 2005

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Christopher Carman  
Assistant Professor  
August 31, 2005

PSYCHOLOGY

Jonathan Schooler  
Professor  
April 30, 2005

William Shadel, Jr.  
Research Associate Professor  
July 31, 2005

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

David Brodsky  
Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

SLAVIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Lisa DiBartolomeo  
Visiting Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

SOCIOLOGY

Mike Epitropoulos  
Visiting Lecturer  
August 31, 2005

Thomas Schott  
Associate Professor  
April 30, 2005

STATISTICS

Naama Wolf  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

**END OF CONTRACT**

COMMUNICATION

Marcus Paroske  
Visiting Instructor  
August 31, 2005

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jackson Carvalho  
Lecturer  
August 31, 2005

ENGLISH

Malkiel Chosed  
Visiting Instructor  
April 30, 2005

John Marsh  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

Leslie Rubinkowski  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

MUSIC

Alan Shockley  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

Jessica Shockley  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

David Asner  
Research Assistant Professor  
August 31, 2005

STATISTICS

Ori Rosen  
Assistant Professor  
April 30, 2005

STUDIO ARTS

Julie Stunden  
Visiting Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

THEATRE ARTS

Douglas Pona  
Visiting Lecturer  
April 30, 2005

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Alice Crawford  
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