

**Summary of Recommendations to the Faculty Senate
Faculty Research Committee
Meeting of December 1, 2003**

1. The current two competitions (Fall and Spring) should be collapsed into one Spring Semester competition.

Rationale:

- It is difficult for faculty to put together good research proposals given the deadline for fall applications soon after the beginning of the fall semester.
 - Fiscal year deadlines mean that money awarded in fall must be spent by June of the following year. Under the current schedule, this means the money is awarded in late October or early November must be spent in eight months as opposed to 12 months for the spring competition.
 - If this recommendation is approved, the deadlines for application could be established that give the optimum amount of time for faculty to put together a proposal and use the award money.
2. Research grant proposals should be judged exclusively on merit. Junior and senior faculty status should not be a criterion for evaluation.

Rationale:

- Research proposals should be evaluated on the basis of merit alone irrespective of the status of the faculty member(s) making the proposal.
 - It is unfair to penalize or give advantage to some faculty members solely on the basis of time of service at the university.
3. Temporary faculty members are eligible to participate in the faculty research grant competition.

Rationale:

- Research proposals should be evaluated on the basis of merit alone irrespective of the status of the faculty member(s) making the proposal.
- It is unfair to penalize or give advantage to some faculty members solely on the basis of employment status especially since many temporary faculty continue on to become full-time, tenure-track faculty.

4. No faculty member will be eligible to receive funding from the Faculty Research Committee for two concurrent years. Thus, a faculty member who receives funding from the Faculty Research Committee for the academic year 2004-2005 would be ineligible to apply for funds from this committee during the academic year 2005-2006. He or she would again be eligible in the academic year 2006-2007.

Rationale:

The Faculty Research funds awarded by the Faculty Research Committee are to serve as seed money for research projects. These funds are not to be used as a source of continuing support

In so far as possible, the limited funds awarded by the Faculty Research Committee should be made available to all Georgia Southern University faculty. Continuous funding of individual faculty discourages this availability.

5. The application form for faculty research grants will be amended to include a list of all years an applicant has received funding from the Faculty Research Committee.

Rationale:

This information will help committee members better evaluate the research proposal.

6. The application form for faculty research grants will be amended to include a list of accomplishments from past research funding from the Faculty Research Committee including, but not limited to, publications, presentations, poster sessions, performances and patents.

Rationale:

This information will help committee members better evaluate the research proposal

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