

Faculty Senate Research Committee

The Faculty Senate Research Committee met on October 25 and November 1, 2024

October 25 meeting

1. The committee met to discuss the Quinlan, Summer research and Research Scholar awards and application submitted for review.

The discussion about the research Committee funding was tabled and postponed for an ulterior date allowing for additional information to be provided. The discussions about the Quinlan awards were postponed, due to technical issues.

The number and budget submitted indicated that the budgets requested were above the amount available for the committee to distribute. The committee members considered splitting the available funding 50/50 between the two remaining Academic Year Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 award cycles.

2. Discussion about increasing the limit of the Quinlan award to \$1,500 to compensate for the inflation (financial limit at \$500.00 for the award has not been changed in more than 20 years). The current limit prevents MU students and faculty from attending meetings on behalf of their academic units and of the university. Suggestions were made to create a sub-committee headed by Dr. Egleton and Dr. Georgel to investigate possible options to increase funding.

3. The committee initiated a discussion about reverting the Quinlan award period from two to three awarding rounds per Academic Year to match the INCO award frequency.

November 1 meeting

1. Approval of Minutes for April 4th and October 25th

2. Discussions and evaluations of the award applications.

a. After evaluation of the 25 initial Quinlan applications, **15 submissions were approved** for funding.

One application from College of Arts and Media was pushed to the next awarding cycle, two applications from the College of Business were outside the dates covering the Fall Award cycle, two applications from the College of Health Professions were rejected for non-compliance to the application format. One applicant withdrew. The total awarded amount was \$7,438.43.

Current guidelines for Quinlan awards suggest a 50/50 budget split between Round 1 and Round 2 funding cycles making \$7,250.00 available for Round 1. The committee approved the addition \$188.43 for Round 1 funding. The \$188.43 will be deducted from the Round 2 budget.

b. **Two applications for Research Committee Funding were approved** for a total of \$500.00. The Round 1 funding cycle was budgeted at \$500.00.

c. **Six applications for Student Research Scholar funds were approved** for a total of \$1,493.00. The Round 1 funding cycle was budgeted at \$1,500.00.

3. The committee continued discussions regarding the re-instatement of a third cycle for awards and modification to the awards guidelines to streamline the selection process.