

A & S Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2009

Present: Helen Moore, Amy Goodburn, Shireen Adenwalla, Tim Borstelmann, Patrice McMahon, Sidnie Crawford, Pat Dussault, Judy Walker, Sebastian Elbaum, Greg Snow, Sunil Narumalani, David Manderscheid and Becky Carter

1. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes for the 10/8/2009 Executive Committee meeting.
2. Budget: The dean gave an update on the university budget for this year and next. The State Legislature has not made any decisions yet. The special session of the legislature most likely will be completed by Thanksgiving. The college would like to be prepared to move quickly at that time and the committee discussed recommendations on how to prepare college responses.
3. Interdisciplinary Seed Grant Overview: The Dean's Office received 16 seed grant proposals. The college plans to fund four proposals at approximately \$5,000 each for a total of \$20,000. The top four proposals were identified and the committee discussed what feedback would be helpful to give to the unsuccessful proposals. The committee also discussed possible tweaks for the request for proposals for next year.
4. Scholarships: The Dean's Office will be offering two types of upper class scholarships (approximately 10 of each type). These scholarships are being funded with redirected funds, not new funds. The first scholarship is the Dean's Experiential Learning, designed to support a student's experiential learning taken for credit outside of a UNL campus setting. The second scholarship involves Dean's Scholars who become members of the Dean's Scholar Society and help foster lifelong relationships between participants and the college. The committee discussed the draft scholarship guidelines and standards and made suggestions.
5. Distance Education Discussion: The committee discussed a variety of proposals on distance education course offerings and funding models.
6. Tagline: This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting and will be held over for the next meeting.