



GRANTS COMMITTEE
February 18, 2014
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Enid- President's Conference Room
Stillwater- Cowboy Mall Conference Room
Tonkawa- Wilkin 309

Attendance: Chris Ortiz, Paul Bowers, ~~Bart Cardwell~~, Cheryl Chanslor, Judy Colwell, Jack Cnossen, Tammy Davis, ~~Rick Edgington~~, Tracy Emmons, DeLisa Ging, Scott Haywood, ~~Jena Kodesh~~, Brad Matson, Dave Monks, Sherryl Nelson, Kathleen Otto, ~~Debbie Quirey~~, Shelly Schulz, ~~Traci Schwerdtfeger~~, ~~Anita Simpson~~, ~~Sheri Snyder~~, Pam Stinson, Ed Vineyard, Gene Young.

- Call to order

It was noted the last time the grants committee met was on 11/19/13.

- Minutes

Shelly Schulz made a motion to approve the 11/19/13 minutes, Brad Matson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

- Reports

NOC currently has \$575,000 in grant proposals submitted that are still waiting award notification.

- Special Guest

Chris Ortiz, Network Server Administrator lead a discussion on the possibility of incorporating renewable energy sources on the NOC campuses. His initial concept was to have a fuel cell power the Enid campus server room. The goal was to gain perspective from the committee and explore grant funding. Further discussion lead to the use of solar, wind and fuel cell energy. Issues such as federal, state and local regulations for a wind turbine or solar panels, as well as esthetics of the campus were considered. Gene Young shared information from numerous wind energy studies he's been involved with for over a decade. He followed up after the meeting with an email to committee members with several links with wind maps and other interesting facts concerning wind energy. A community college in Kansas has wind turbines that could be examined to see how well they function. All external indicators appear to suggest that the market for wind energy will continue to grow. Further discussion is needed to determine if wind energy is suitable for the Tonkawa or Enid campuses. Regrettably, the other ITV sites in Enid and Stillwater were having difficulty hearing the discussion.

- Grant updates:

- Dr. Scholl Foundation

The Dr. Scholl Foundation offered a grant from \$5,000-\$25,000 in areas involving education, social service, healthcare, civic and cultural, or environmental needs. An email was sent to all NOC faculty and staff to see if they had a project that would qualify. Four viable responses were received. Michael DuRoy wanted to use the funds to put in a new track in the wellness center. J Wayne Hudson wanted to take five NOC students to attend the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis in November and Gina Connywerdy wanted to fund the Native American Youth Leadership summit this summer on the NOC Tonkawa campus. Scott Haywood suggested using the grant to cover the cost of the Developmental Education conference that will be hosted by NOC in the fall. A vote was taken to decide which project should be funded. The majority voted for the Developmental Education conference. Tracy Emmons and Scott Haywood offered to write the grant. It is due March 1.

- TAACCCT Oklahoma Works! Round 1

It was announced that there was \$353,612 of re-allocable dollars due to the withdrawal of two consortium member institutions. Sarah Olson, Cara Beth Johnson, Shelly Schulz, Kathleen Otto and Cheryl Chanslor met on Jan. 8 to discuss if the Business Fast Track and Process Tech programs could use more funding. It was decided to request a total of additional funds for \$82,300. Shelly submitted the request on Jan. 16 to the project director. The additional funds were to be used for the purchase of an additional pump for the P-Tech program. The Business Fast Track program would use additional funds to secure an online tutoring service, advertising for recruiting for the program and possibly a 20 hour a week assistant to track and assess the program participants. If approved, the total award would have increased 46% from \$176,000 to \$258,192. Unfortunately, the project director, Joe Swalwell reported back on 02/11/14. The plug was pulled on the reallocation of funds. A lengthy modification process was required in order to reallocate the dollars from the two institutions that dropped out. The Department of Labor (DOL) would not approve that process in year three of the grant. Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding at the DOL level with one branch encouraging Joe to apply for the funds, while the other branch would never have approved it.

Additionally the No Cost Extension has been filed requesting one more year for the grant and Shelly has been working on invoicing an additional \$29,000.

- National Endowment for the Arts- Challenge America Fast Track

Notification came on 12/10/13 that we were not funded for the Gala with the \$10,000 Fast Track Grant that was submitted in May. A conference call to get reviewer notes yielded some useful information. Rewriting the grant for next year is being considered.

○ NSF- Improving Undergraduate STEM Education

Design and Implement Discovery Learning Physics Laboratories

Tricia Moore, Frankie Wood-Black, Jack Cnossen, Sarah Olson, Kathleen Otto, Shelly Schulz and Cheryl Chanslor met on Dec. 10 and Jan. 9 to discuss details of the NSF grant. Frankie was named principal investigator. She and Jack will rewrite the physics labs using the Discovery Learning method. This is a three year grant, expected to start Aug. 2014 and finish in July 2017. The first year of the grant will be to write the labs and manuals. In the second year, labs will be implemented on the Tonkawa campus and student assessment measured. The third year will include that the labs be implemented on the Enid campus. The grant will cover travel and conference costs for Frankie and Jack to attend a Discovery Learning workshop, one month of summer wages for faculty to work on the grant, two student workers, new lab equipment and classroom kits for the Tonkawa and Enid campuses. The \$339,466 grant was submitted on Feb. 3. The winners are expected to be announced in Aug. 2014.

Roundtable Discussion

In the future, finished proposals will be emailed to the committee so members have them for reference. They will also be posted on the Grant Development webpage.

• Next Meeting

Spring break will take place on the date of our March meeting so the next scheduled meeting will be 04/15/14 at 12:30.

A motion was made for adjournment by Shelly Schulz and seconded by Kathleen Otto. The meeting was adjourned.