

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2015

In attendance: Pam Stinson, Jack Cnossen, Shelly Schulz, Kathleen Otto, Laura Marshall, Jenna Bazzell, Gene Young, Scott Haywood, Rick Edgington, Anita Simpson

Administration of Grants

- The grant process must change.
- NOC needs to be compliant with OBM guidelines, which is the high/low risk rating by Federal government.
- According to Shelly Schulz, there are 103 pages of changes.

Scott Haywood: Are things changing in the application process or the administration of grants?

- A draft of the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual for Grants & Contacts will be emailed to the committee to read and it will eventually go the Administrative Council and then the Board of Regents.
- The manual provides step-by-step policies and procedures of how NOC will manage grants and contracts. In particular it outlines the administrative staff personnel that faculty must route all grant proposals and submissions through. (Jenna and Shelly MUST be in the loop.)
- Submitting a grant proposal and/or submission as a faculty member at NOC, you are legally representing and binding NOC. Failure to include proper NOC administrative staff personnel puts NOC in legal and financial risk.

Division Priorities and Representatives

Interim Chair, Gene Young sent out an email asking Division Chairs for their top four priorities of grant funding in their respective departments and to nominate a faculty and/or all division faculty members for the writing and research process— only the Business Division responded.

- Laura Marshall is the representative for the Business Division

How do we get faculty involved in grants?

- Monthly updates to faculty on opportunities for grants
- Division chairs may not communicate information to the faculty if sent only to DCs
- Have always struggled with having faculty involvement, but Grants Coordinator shouldn't be discouraged by the lack of it; will get full support of those on the committee
- Faculty are reluctant to organize grants but their expertise is needed to write grants
- Faculty see the low success of grants means it's a waste of time
- Most faculty just want to teach
- Incentives to get involved: (1) student outcomes and (2) resources for teaching

Current Grants-in-Progress

- Radio Tower Relocation
 - Dean Percy is looking to provide internships for students in radio broadcasting under a funding opportunity.
 - Projected renovations would create a new transmitter building (8X10), increase tower height to 100 ft. to increase broadcast area. Currently broadcast area reaches 25-30 miles. A new tower will increase the broadcast area to reach 40-50miles.
 - NOC is the only community college with a radio station
 - Letter of intent sent out
 - Move tower off of Central because it is an eye-sore
 - Environmental Assessment (Gene)

- Title III / NASNTI
 - Program is provided by US Department of Education and involves NOC since we have been determined as a Native American-Serving Nontribal Institution.
 - Grants awarded shall be used to assist such institutions to plan, develop, undertake, and carry out activities to improve and expand such institutions' capacity to serve Native Americans and low-income individuals.
 - This grant would provide NOC with funds to create a resource center/space for Native-American students, provide computers and internet access, have tutoring services and provide transportation for Native-American students to and from their place of residence to Northern Oklahoma College.
 - Deadline is May 2015

- Promise Zone (Round 3)
 - In his 2013 State of the Union address, President Obama announced that he would designate 20 Promise Zones nationwide: urban, rural, and tribal communities where the Administration would partner with local leaders to create jobs, increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, and reduce violent crime.
 - Promise Zone does not come with any funds.
 - It is a designation of a geographical area that receives special consideration on proposals and federal assistance with filing federal proposals.
 - Eligible applicants in Promise Zones will receive preferences for certain competitive federal programs and technical assistance.
 - Subject to enactment by Congress, businesses investing in Promise Zones or hiring residents of Promise Zones will be eligible to receive tax incentives.
 - Must be contiguous to nations, Osage, Kaw, Ponca; Pawnee not included but must have their cooperation
 - Working with Candy Thomas at Osage Nation
 - Local Chamber Directors do grants so they would be a great resource.
 - Deadline is November 2015