Annual Report
Scholarship and Research Awards Committee
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

The Scholarship and Research Awards Committee (SARAC) administers three programs funded by the University’s Endowment Fund for the Future (EFF). These programs are the Support for the Advancement of Scholarship (SAS) Research Grants, the McCalla Professorship, and the Distinguished Visitor Awards. The committee also adjudicates applications for the Larry Beauchamp Senior Researcher Award and Coutts-Clarke Fellowships, and coordinates nominations and adjudications for other research awards both within and outside the University of Alberta.

Terms of Reference
The Terms of Reference have remained the same this past year:

A. Terms of Reference
Under the authority of Education Faculty Council, the Scholarship and Research Awards Committee shall:

- Review application for grants under the Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Fund (SAS), make decisions on grants, and monitor procedures and guidelines for these awards
- Review applications and make decisions for the Larry Beauchamp Senior Researcher Award, McCalla Professorship and Coutts-Clarke Fellowship, monitor operating guidelines for these awards.
- Initiate activities leading to the nomination of prospective Distinguished Visitors, and forward nominations to the Vice President, Research.
- Invite and review nominations for the J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research and the Martha Cook Piper Research Prize, coordinate the preparation of nomination packages for submission to the Vice President, Research.
- Prepare nominations for external research awards.

B. Composition
- Statutory Members
  The Associate Dean, Research
- Elected Members
  Three tenured members of the Faculty of Education
C. Procedures

- The Associate Dean, Research shall be Chair
- The Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, will attend meetings with voice and vote where graduate scholarships and/or awards are reviewed to facilitate the adjudication
- The election of members to the Scholarship and Research Awards Committee shall take place during the Spring ballot of the Faculty
- The terms of the elected members shall be two years.

D. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of three members

E. Meetings

The Scholarship and Research Awards Committee shall meet to consider applications for each of the respective awards, in accordance with the award deadlines.

Approved: Executive Council May, 1996
Updated: Executive Council June, 1999
Updated: Faculty Council September, 2002
Updated: SARAC March 7, 2007
Approved: Faculty Council November 6, 2007

Composition

SARAC was chaired by the Associate Dean Research, Dr. Denise Larsen. The three elected members of the committee for 2016-2017 were:

- Dr. George Georgiou, Educational Psychology
- Dr. Kathy Robinson, Elementary Education
- Dr. Jason Wallin, Secondary Education

- Dr. Jill McClay, Associate Dean Graduate Studies (2016-2017) served as a fourth member of SARAC and attended meetings with voice and vote where graduate scholarships and/or awards were reviewed to facilitate the adjudication.

Activities and Accomplishments

SARAC met on six occasions during the 2016-2017 and also communicated by email and telephone.

i. SAS Grants

- In the Fall 2016 competition, the committee awarded ten operating grants worth $66,328.35
- In the Spring 2017 competition, the committee awarded four operational grants worth $27,741.97
• The total awarded for both competitions was $94,137.51.

ii. Larry Beauchamp Senior Researcher Award
SARAC selected Dr Mark Gierl as the recipient of the 2016 Award. Dr Gierl became the seventh Beauchamp Laureate.

iii. McCalla Professorship
No McCalla Professorship applications were received this year.

iv. Distinguished Visitor
SARAC recommended two applications for the Distinguished Visitor Award. Both recommendations were accepted by the Office of the Vice President Research:
• Dr. Kevin McGrew received the Award for the Fall 2016 competition
• Dr. Deborah Britzman received the Award for the Fall 2016 competition.

No applications were received for the Spring 2017 competition.

v. J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research
Dr Jan Jagodzinski from the Department of Secondary Education was nominated for this award in February 2016.

vi. Martha Cook Piper Research Prize
No Martha Cook Piper Research applications were received this year.

vii. Coutts-Clarke Research Fellowships
One Coutts-Clarke Research Fellowship was awarded to Dr Lia Daniels from the Department of Educational Psychology.

viii. Faculty of Education Conference Fund
One Faculty of Education Conference Fund was awarded to Lynette Schultz, from the Department of Educational Policy Studies.

ix. Other Research Awards
The committee awarded fifteen graduate scholarships:
• Mahatma Gandhi World Peace Scholarship to Michelle Lavoie, Educational Policy Studies
• Camrose Normal School Memorial Scholarship in Education to Adriana Boffa, Secondary Education
- Professor Mian Muhammad Afzal Graduate Scholarship in Education to Reza Sebti, School of Library and Information Studies
- Audrey and Jack Reid Graduate Scholarship to Nadia Keyes, Department of Educational Psychology
- ME Lazerte Memorial Scholarship to Kenneth Murdoch, Department of Educational Psychology
- Dr Bruce Bain Memorial Graduate Scholarship to Adriana Boffa, Secondary Education
- Bacchus Graduate Research Prize to Dawn Wiseman, Secondary Education
- Margaret J Saunders Graduate Award to Sara Solvey, Secondary Education
- Dr. Peggy Quinney Doctoral Scholarship award to Nicole Day, Secondary Education
- Wendy Keiver Award in Education & Literacy award to Robin Woodruff, Educational Psychology
- Fred and Helen Ilott Graduate award to Chantal Labonte, Educational Psychology
- Richard Sheridan Carson Graduate Scholarship award to Olive Okraku, Educational Psychology
- Kathryn Burke Graduate Scholarship award to Domenique Gadsen, Educational Psychology
- Margaret "Presh" Dates Aboriginal Doctoral Award, award to Tiffany Prete
- John Hoddinott and Carole Solberg Grad Teaching award to Jacqueline Filippek, Elementary Education.

We are grateful to all faculty members who helped us prepare nominations for awards, and extend our congratulations to those who submitted applications for SAS research funding and the various research awards.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Denise Larsen,
Associate Dean Research and
Chair, Scholarship and Research Awards Committee