Background and Membership:

The Faculty Research and Publications Board (FRPB) is a representative faculty board that functions to encourage faculty research, publication, scholarly activities and artistic productions, and to fulfill the duties assigned to it by the Board of Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado as set forth in the Board Policy Manual. FRPB voting membership currently consists of one faculty representative from each college; three additional faculty representatives elected at-large; one faculty representative from the University libraries; one faculty representative selected by the Faculty Senate, and one graduate student representative selected by the President of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). Five non-voting advisory members are also currently named to the board, including the Graduate School Dean or designee, Director of IMT or designee, Representative of Academic Affairs, Academic Dean appointed by CAO, and the OSP Director or designee.

The board is charged with establishing criteria and reviewing applications for some of the internal funding

memberships changes in a list of recommended updates to our bylaws to be presented to the senate in Fall 2014.

The full board has elected Trent Lalonde (CEBS) and Brittany McIlvaine (at-large/HHS) to serve as the Chair and Vice Chair for 2014-15. They have been exemplary members of the committee and have already begun the transition into these roles.

Funding Activity:

The board met eight times over the academic year to discuss and recommend policies related to internal funding, review grants and make awards. Prior to each meeting, each board member reviews all qualified proposals and completes an online survey indicating their views on whether the proposal should be funded, not funded, or needs further discussion. The board then meets to rank proposals from most to least compelling, funding as many as possible. This year, we reviewed a total of 165 proposals and were able to make 99 grants. Details of the awards are included in the tables below. Lists of successful grantees can be seen at the Office of Sponsored Programs SharePoint site.

Awards Distributed by Funding Round 2013-14

Program	# proposals	# awards	$ requested	$ awarded
Fall PAT (Provost Award for Travel)	31	27	66,043	56,820

Although we have worked diligently to make our guidelines as clear as possible, there continues to be some confusion among faculty regarding which internal grants are administered by FRPB. Some of this is due to our history. Originally FRPB only administered the small pool of   funds, and these continue to be listed as FRPB funds on the OSP website. Those funds are intended to support brand new projects that might lead to external funding in the future. In 2008 the board began administering the   (   ) and

Office and are intended to support a much broader range of faculty activities. Those grants are separately listed as Provost Fund Grants on the OSP website (though there is descriptive text on the FRPB page stating that we administer Provost Fund grants as well). To complicate matters even further, in the past several years a number of additional internal funding programs (e.g., Summer Stipends and the Fund for Faculty Publications) have also become available. Those programs are described in various places on the UNC website and are not administered by FRPB.

There also continues to be some faculty confusion regarding the purposes of our various programs. Again, much of this is due to our history with respect to the relatively new Provost Fund grants (PATs and RDFDs). The primary purpose of PAT awards has always been to fund faculty travel to present at juried conferences (or the equivalent), and the primary purpose of RDFD awards has always been to support faculty research and professional development (by contrast,

process, including adding a requirement that deans forward one nominee/college to the FRPB, and

who make it possible for the board to function and who coordinate this very needed and useful program. And we would like to thank Ms. Arlene Hansen for keeping our webpage
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