

Annual Report 1999-2000  
Emory University Teaching Fund Committee (UTFC)

Annual Report to University Senate & Faculty Council

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UTF Awards during 1999-2000

The University Teaching Fund provides intramural support for teaching and is administered by the University Teaching Fund Committee (UTFC), which is a standing committee of the University Senate Faculty Council. This report details the activities of the UTFC from September, 1999 through April, 2000.

The University Teaching Fund has an annual allocation of \$250,000 to be awarded subsequent to internal competition for grants to support teaching improvement and innovation. During this reporting period, one funding cycle has been completed and the second funding cycle is in progress. During the first funding cycle in fall of 1999, 28 proposals were submitted requesting approximately \$492,000. After careful review, the committee voted to fund 9 proposals for a total amount of approximately \$48,000. The proposals selected for funding were submitted by faculty from the following schools/departments: Anthropology and Geology; Biology and Chemistry; Classics; English and Economics; General Institute of Liberal Arts; Medicine; Physics, Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures; and, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

For the second funding cycle, the proposal submission date was April 10, 2000 and the total number of proposals and amount of requested funding is not available at the time of preparation of this report. The committee will meet during the month of May to determine funding of these proposals.

University Teaching Fund Committee Membership

The University Teaching Fund was established as a standing committee of the University Senate Faculty Council in September 1996. Members were originally drawn from the ad-hoc committee that was the precursor to the UTF. Members are now inducted through nominations and recommendations. The Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs is an ex-officio member of the UTF. The current membership of the committee includes representation from every school in the University. The current membership of the committee is as follows:

William Branch, School of Medicine

Kenneth Carter, Oxford College

Arri Eisen, College

Harriet King, Vice-Provost (ex-officio)

Benn Konsynski, School of Business

Steve Kraftchick, School of Theology

Deborah McFarland, School of Public Health

Gary Smith, School of Law

Vaidy Sunderam, College

Tanya Sudia-Robinson, School of Nursing (Chair)

On going UTC Operation

It is anticipated that the UTF will continue to solicit proposals twice per academic year, with submission deadlines in October and March, allowing faculty to seek funding for projects to be completed during the summer months or during the academic year. The budget allocation of \$250,000 per year has been sufficient to fund small proposals, however, the committee remains unable to fund large projects at this time.

New Membership

Several current committee members will rotate off the committee at the completion of this academic year (Kenneth Carter, Tanya Sudia-Robinson, Vaidy Sunderam). These committee members are currently working with Harriet King to identify appropriate faculty to serve during the 2000-2001 academic year. The new members will be invited to participate in the next meeting of the committee to assist with the transition of membership. The committee has elected Arri Eisen to serve as the next chair of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Sudia-Robinson, UTFCh Chair 1998-2000