

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT, AY 2016-2017

San Francisco State University  
Fellowship Committee  
Annual Report 2016-2017

Submitted to the Academic Senate Committee on Committees May 31, 2017

I. Executive Summary for the Academic Year:

The Fellowship Committee, established in 2011, meets to assess, interview, and nominate students and alumni for national and California State University fellowships and awards that require institutional evaluation or nomination. Each academic year the Committee meets to interview and evaluate applicants for the Fulbright U.S. Student program, and to select the University's nominees for the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program and CSU Trustees' Award. Other meetings occur as competitive students apply for the fellowships and awards within the Committee's charge.

II. Committee Information and Review of Activities for the Academic Year:

A. Roster of 2016-17 committee members:

Mitra Ara  
Matthias Beck  
Sarita Cannon  
Charles Egan  
Jessica Fields  
Clare Sears  
Gitanjali Shahani, Chair  
Summer Star  
Joy Viveros, *ex officio* member

B. Regular Meeting Schedule and Committee Meetings:

The Committee met twice in the Fall 2016 semester and twice in the Spring 2017 semester:

On September 27, 2016, the Committee met in ADM 447B to conduct Fulbright Interviews for applicants in cultural studies and for Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships. Members at this meeting were Matthias

Beck, Sarita Cannon, Charles Egan, Clare Sears, Gitanjali Shahani and Joy Viveros.

On September 29, 2016, the Committee met in ADM 447B to conduct Fulbright Interviews for applicants in the sciences. Members at this meeting were Matthias Beck, Mitra Ara, Gitanjali Shahani and Joy Viveros. We were also assisted in these interviews by Jennifer Breckler, Biology, and Ron Markze, Physics and Astronomy.

On March 8, 2017, the Committee engaged in a virtual meeting to settle assessment for San Francisco State's nomination of Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) applicant files. All Committee members participated.

On May 8, 2017, the Committee met in ADM 447B to nominate San Francisco State's CSU Trustees' Award nominee. Members present were Mitra Ara, Charles Egan, Sarita Cannon, Jessica Fields, Clare Sears, Summer Star, Gitanjali Shahani and Joy Viveros.

#### C. Action Items

The Committee interviewed, rated and provided advisory comments to the Fulbright National Screening Committee, and provided evaluative comments to support its selection of this year's nominees for the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) and the CSU Trustees' Award.

### III. Committee Recommendations for the Upcoming Year:

#### A. Committee Charge:

The Fellowship Committee's charge, per Academic Senate Policy No. S11-258, is:

1. To keep itself informed about the program purpose and selection criteria of national fellowships and CSU awards (hereafter "fellowships") that require institutional nomination;
2. To evaluate the candidacies of fellowship applicants according to program criteria;
3. To provide feedback to nominees on their application materials;
4. To nominate candidates for fellowship programs who fulfill the program's selection criteria and represent the University's excellence;

5. To interview applicants to fellowship programs that require campus or finalist interviews;
6. To provide mock interviews for and feedback on these interviews to finalists for national fellowships.

No changes are recommended at this time.

B. Committee Membership:

No changes are recommended at this time.

C. To the Senate:

No recommendations are made at this time.

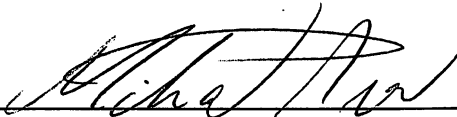
D. To next year's Committee:

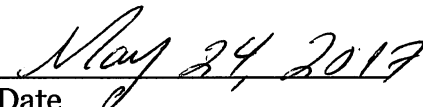
The Committee will meet to interview and evaluate applicants to the 2018-2019 Fulbright U.S. Student Program, and to select SF State's annual Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) and CSU Trustees' Award nominees. It will review all applications to other fellowships that require institutional nomination, and meet as needed to discuss candidate files. The Committee will also meet as needed to provide mock interviews for SF State finalists for national fellowships. At the close of the academic year, it will convene to evaluate how to strengthen its review processes.

IV. Endorsement by the Committee

This report is endorsed by the Committee and its members, as signified by its signatures below.

Signatures:

  
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Mitra Ara

  
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Matthias Beck

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Date

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Sarita Cannon *Sarita Cannon*

Date *5/26/17*

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Charles Egan

Date *5/31/17*

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Jessica Fields

Date *5/25/17*

Clare Sears

Date

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Gitanjali Shahani, Chair

Date *5/23/17*

Summer Star

Date *5/26/17*

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Joy Viveros

Date *5.31.17*