

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT, AY 2013-2014 and 2014-2015

I. Executive Summary:

The Fellowship Committee, established in 2011, meets based on the needs determined by SF State campus deadlines for national and California State University fellowships and awards that require institutional nomination. This academic years, the Committee has met to interview and evaluate applicants for the Fulbright U.S. Student program, and to select the University's nominee for the 2014-15 and 2015-2016 Hearst/CSU Trustees Award. Additionally, the Committee reviewed application files for the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award and selected a nominee.

II. Charge to the Committee:

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.

III. Activities of the Year:

The committee met once in the Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 semesters – to interview and evaluate Fulbright applicants, and once in the Spring 2014 and 2015 semesters – to select SF State's nominee for the Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award. It also conducted a 'virtual meeting' in Spring 2014, using confidential online document storage and email to evaluate applications, for nominating a student for the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award.

In Spring 2015, Professor Gitanjali Shahani accepted the position of Committee Chair. Her new responsibilities with the Committee will begin in Fall 2015, at which time Professor Acacio de Barros will step down as Chair.

IV. Agenda for the Coming Year

The Committee will meet to interview and evaluate applicants to the 2016-17 Fulbright U.S. Student Program, and to select SF State's 2016-17 CSU Trustees' Award nominee. 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.

V. Signature Page and Roster:

In 2013-14, committee members included:

Alexis Litzsky

Current committee members are:

Mitra Ara
Tanya Augsburg
Acacio de Barros (Chair)
Xiao Liu
Edward Mccaughan
Clare Sears
Gitanjali Shahani
Joy Viveros
Christopher Weinberger

Signatures:

Mitra Ara



Date:

May 18, 2015

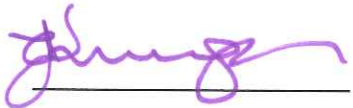
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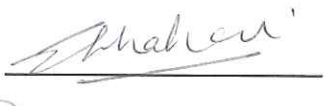
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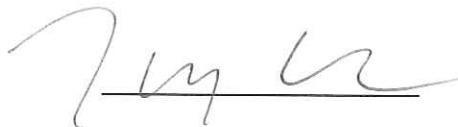
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Xiao Liu  Date: 5/18/15

Edward Mccaughan  Date: 5/15/15

Clare Sears _____ Date: _____

Gitanjali Shahani  Date: 5/20/15

Joy Viveros  Date: 5.21.15

Christopher Weinberger  Date: 5/15/15

Committee Chair: Acacio de Barros.

V. Regular Meeting Time and Location

Meetings occurred in ADM 447B and ADM 455C. Meeting times for the Fulbright and CSU Trustees Award are in the Fall and Spring, respectively. For all other fellowships, the Committee meets when applicants present themselves for University nomination or when they are selected as finalists for whom a national selection committee interview is required.