Minutes of the GPFC Meeting 10/25/12

Present: Grudnitski, Jennex, Belch, Ryan, Varaiya, Pukthuantong, Singh

Invited: Smith

Absent: None

The GFPC convened to review proposals submitted for consideration. Prior to the review portion of the meeting, several policy and program issues were discussed:

1. What is the direction and utility of the GFGP? The committee noted that:

   o Fewer faculty were submitting proposals;
   o Many of the same faculty were applying each round; and
   o Proposals were predominantly research-based.

The GFPC agreed to convene a special meeting before the next round to reevaluate the GFGP.

2. The GFGC also noted the following procedural concerns:

   o Applications should stay within the cycle date. Applications must be submitted annually/by round for funding consideration. All funding awarded during any one particular grant cycle must be utilized by that specific funding cycle end date.

   o Funds cannot be committed from one cycle for activities that carry into a future cycle.
The GFPC will send out specifics regarding basic format and application procedures prior to the next round in March. An online application procedure will also be used in the next round.

3. The GFGC discussed and reaffirmed that:
   - GFPC members who applied for a grant will leave the meeting when their proposal is evaluated; and
   - If a faculty is granted sabbatical, then the GFGP application will not be funded.

4. For this round, eight applications were submitted from faculty from all 5 departments. Requested sum was $79,898. Of the eight proposals, 4 were funded for a total of $23,386. Please refer to the GFG webpage for more details on this round.

The meeting convened at 2:30pm and adjourned at 4:00pm.