

FROM: Dr. Umesh Reddy, Chair, Faculty Research & Development Committee

The Faculty Research and Development Committee set a deadline of November 15, 2012 for applications from faculty seeking funding to further research this academic year. Six applications were received from the faculty. The committee (Dr. Anne McConnell, Dr. Brenda Wamsley, Dr. Umesh Reddy and Dr. Gail Mosby) met and recommended full or partial funding for six of the requests to Dr. Byers.

The committee thought that all of the recommended requests could lead to increased recognition of the university.

Dr. David Howard, Department of Social Work: \$1500

Dr. Howard sought funding for his project, "Holistic Medicine: Exploration of Energy Medicine through Qualitative Analysis." The project was to attend and conduct research at the 35th Annual Spring Festival of Awareness in British Columbia.

Dr. Robin Broughton, Communications Department: \$2100

Dr. Broughton sought funding for travel to Dhaka, Bangladesh, where she wished to take a group of students to document collaboration between the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health, the West Virginia Division of the CDC, and BRAC, the world's largest development organization, headquartered in Dhaka.

Dr. Juris Lidaka, English Department: \$2000

Dr. Lidaka sought funding for travel to the Ohio State University and Indiana University libraries, where he would continue his research on Bartholomaeus Anglicus' *De proprietatibus rerum*. The committee recommends partial funding of the \$2600 requested.

Professor Sherri Shafer and Dr. Ali Ziyati \$500

Professor Shafer and Dr. Ziyati sought funding for their "Gaming and Education Study," which required special software and a student worker.

Dr. Genia Sklute \$1000

Dr. Sklute sought funding for her research project, "Complexation of Aluminum by Nitrogen-Containing Ligands"; funds meant towards the purchase of chemicals.

Dr. Manashi Ray \$2900

Dr. Ray sought funding for travel and lodging for her project "Our life with Food: The role of special plants and community gardens in the food culture of Burmese refugee community in America's Midwest." She planned interviews in Battle Creek Michigan. The committee recommends partial funding of the \$5800 recommended, due to budget constraints.