

Research Committee annual report for 2010-2011

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The committee (J. Colquitt, G. McGill, S. PIRAMUTHA, J. Ritter, R. Romano, J. Xie) met in February 2011 to make recommendations on the faculty enhancement opportunity awards. Four people applied.

We met again in March 2011 to recommend an assistant professor from the college for the university's assistant professor award.

In March 2011, we met again to make recommendations for the 2011 summer support. Applicants had been given guidance that there would be fewer funds available this year than in 2010. There were 25 applicants, down from 35 the year before, and we were given guidance that funds were available for approximately 11 grants of \$35,000 + three partial grants for Eminent Scholars. Four out of six committee members applied for grants, and we did not rank these four. Instead, Selcuk appointed a separate committee to evaluate these cases. We discussed whether to cut the grants to \$25,000 each and allow more people to receive a smaller grant, but the majority of the committee supported the higher dollar value per grant. After discussion, we ranked nine applicants as having the strongest cases, and four as having the weakest cases. We then provided a ranking of the 12 in the middle, most if not all of which did not receive funding.

Rich Romano acted as committee secretary.