



2018 - 2019 AGM Report VIUFA Professional & Scholarly Development Committee

This was my first year as Chair of this Committee, and it proved to be a very interesting one for me. As Chair of this Committee, I attended the FPSE meetings of the Chairs of Professional and Scholarly Development Committees in November and again in February. I learned several things about the workings of these committees at other universities; primarily that we have, here at VIU, probably the least complex and – in my opinion – the most equitable policies and processes for managing our professional development funding. Additionally, I found that our concern for our non-regular members was shared amongst all of my colleagues.

This year the Committee received eight proposals for funding from regularized members and provided just over \$4600 in funding to our members. We also funded one non-regular proposal in the amount of \$800. While we did receive a good number of proposals for funding this year, the Committee hopes to see an increase in both the numbers and diversity of proposals in the coming fiscal year.

I would like to thank the Committee members – Faye Shedletzky, Carolyn Swanson, and Amber Hieb - for their support and participation. I would especially like to thank Faye for her excellent archiving of past Committee minutes and decisions; they were a great help to all of us! I would also like to thank Kathleen Reed for her help with the Non-Regular P&SDC Funding Committee and for helping me with learning how these Committees work.

One of the developments that has affected the operation of this committee has been the inclusion of applications from non-regular faculty for the majority of the internal funding opportunities offered by the Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity Office. In my opinion this has been a positive step forward on the part of Administration and I think we should all recognize that our non-regular members are finally being treated in an inclusive manner. Because of this development, I have recommended to the executive that the Non-Regular Professional and Scholarly Development Fund that was instituted last year on a trial basis be discontinued as there appears to be no further need for this funding source.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to the membership!

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