

**SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Introduction

The CETL Grants Administration Committee, under the direction of the Provost, provides opportunities for professional development for all full-time, tenured and tenure-track SU faculty. Committee membership for 2021-2022 is shown in Table 1. Funds to support these activities are provided by the University operating budget and the SU Foundation (Table 2). The new funds for the 2021-2022 academic year was \$103,512, which includes a reduction in SU Foundation allocation from \$40,000 down to \$20,000. \$114,321 was carried over from previous year. Faculty participation was down significantly in 2020-2021 due to the ban on travel in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, leading to the unusually large carryover.

Travel restrictions were no longer in place in 2021-2022. Travel rebounded significantly, although not to pre-pandemic levels.

Table 1 CETL Grants Administration Committee, 2020-2021.	
Paul Taylor, Director	Mathematics
Nicole Hill	Dean, College of Education and Human Services
John Kooti	Dean, College of Business
Lesley Brown	Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Andrea Barrick	Social Work & Gerontology
Melissa McNelis	Human Communications Studies
Grant Innerst	Mathematics
Amir Amini Sedeh	Management & Marketing
Matthew Shupp	Counseling
Arelys Madero Hernandez	Criminal Justice
Chris Wonders	Executive Director, Institute for Public Service / Sponsored Programs

Table 2
Sources of CETL Grants Administration Funding, 2021-2022.

Funding Source	Amount
SU Provost's Office	\$83,512
SU Foundation	\$20,000
Reserve funds remaining from previous CFEST budgets	\$114,321
TOTAL	\$217,833

2021-2022 Committee activities

Travel Grants - Travel Grants are to support presentations of a paper/poster, required attendance as an elected association officer, or to organize a conference or conference session. The award level was increased from \$1000 to \$2000. This change was made to encourage faculty to resume travel with the elimination of travel restrictions. The significant carryover from 2020-2021 made this increase in funding possible. It was also anticipated that travel would not fully rebound to pre-pandemic levels, which turned out to be true. The travel allowance had not changed since 2016-2017, and costs had increased substantially in the interim.

To further encourage faculty participation, other costs associated with dissemination of scholarship were included among allowable expenses. These were primarily costs associated with publication.

Faculty Training and Continued Education (FTCE) – The FTCE program supports attendance at workshops or other types of intensive training. Supported projects include both training to expand scholarship opportunities and training to enable to methods or areas of teaching. The funding continued to be limited to \$1500 per award.

Faculty Professional Development Council (FPDC) – FPDC is primarily a PASSHE administered grant program funded through the APSCUF faculty contract. A new contract was approved during 2019-2020 and was still in effect. CETL also administered a competition using PASSHE FPDC guidelines. In light of the significant carryover due to Covid 19, CETL was able to divert additional funds to FPDC grants.

FPDC workshop and review - A workshop oriented to FPDC proposals was held in November 2021. Members of the CETL Grants Administration Committee went over the guidelines for the RFPs and the process by which the grant proposals would be evaluated. Faculty members worked individually with Chris Wonders in developing ideas and proposals.

Sub-committees of the CETL Grants Administration reviewed Travel Grant and FTCE proposals on a monthly basis. The full committee met in February to evaluate FPDC applications.

CETL Grants Administration support provided during 2021-2022

Due to the travel restrictions and general disruption related to the Covid 19 pandemic, faculty travel and research were greatly reduced in 2021-2022. CETL Grants administration made numerous appeals for research proposals, but faculty interest was low. Grant support was

primarily conference registration fees for virtual conferences, which did not incur travel costs.

During 2021-2022, the CETL Grants Administration awarded \$92,846 to support a range of professional development activities (Table 3). The number of awards rebounded significantly from pandemic numbers. However, travel is still far from pre-pandemic numbers (60 awards compared to 110-150 awards pre-pandemic).

Table 3 Activities funded by CETL Grants Administration, 2021-2022.		
Grant Category	Number of Awards	CFEST Funds awarded
Travel Grants	60	\$72,741
FTCE	5	\$5,660
Payments for Grants Awarded in 2020-2021		\$6,141
FPDC	4	\$8,304
Total CFEST Grant Support for 2021-2022	30	\$92,846

Issues and Recommendations

Travel Grants

1. Travel rebounded somewhat but is still much lower than pre-pandemic numbers. We expect travel to slowly return as faculty shift out of their pandemic habits.

FTCE Grants

1. The FTCE program continues to receive very few applications, although it did increase slightly due to increased advertising.

FPDC

1. CFEST funded more projects internally than normal, redirecting funds from travel.

Recommendations

Faculty activity is starting to return to pre-pandemic levels, but still has a long way to go. CETL Grants will continue to offer increased support using the accrued funds from the pandemic.