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Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday October 10, 2012

Time: 2:00 – 3:45 pm

Place: 239 Tigert Hall

The Academy met on the date and times indicated above. The meeting notes are appended below, including comments made by the Secretary of the Academy.

Attendees: *Distinguished Teaching Scholars:* Prof. Jeffrey **Adler**, Prof. Laurence B. **Alexander**, Prof. Linda **Behar-Horenstein** (*Chair*), Prof. Sanford V. **Berg**, Prof. Miklos **Bona**, Prof. Oscar D. **Crisalle**, Prof. Susan K. **Jacobson**, Prof. Michael **Kane**, and Prof. Marianne C. **Schmink**

Others: None

Agenda

1. Approval of previous-meeting notes
2. Update on the Graduate Student Council Travel Grants Program
3. Intellectual property and online teaching
4. Other business:
 - a. Scholars Walk Project

Notes

1. Approval of Previous-Meeting Notes

The notes for the September 12 2012 meeting of the Academy were approved.

2. Update on the Graduate Student Council Travel Grants Program

Prof. Miklos Bona met with a representative of the Graduate Student Council (GSC) to learn about the procedures for selecting awardees for the *Graduate Student Council Travel Grants Program*. The program is anticipating receiving approximately 1,700 applications, and will award a total of approximately \$120,000 in travel funds on an annual basis. The size of the award varies but cannot exceed \$250, and hence the total number of grants awarded is *approximately* 500 per year.

The merit criteria includes a 50% weight on a summary description of the conference paper written in a nontechnical fashion intended the content to be understandable to a very wide audience of non-specialists in the area. The rest of the weights include budget (20%), applicant's graduation year (10%), sole-presenter status (10%) and a committee evaluation score (10%). The CGS provides an excellent service to our research community by supporting the participation of graduate students in conferences hence fostering the professional development of our students. The awards committee has done a great job of managing a huge number of applications under conditions where all participants are volunteers.

The Academy discussed opportunities for further enhancing the impact of the Travel Grants Program. One observation is that the organizations web site

<http://ahc-students-graduate-student-council.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/>

has proven to be very difficult to find using keywords in the UF main portal. This may hinder student accessibility to the grant resources. Another observation is that the merit criteria may be preventing some proposals from receiving a more fair evaluation when the research topic does not lend itself to be easily cast in the form of a summary description suitable for a general-audience. An unintended effect could be that the summary statements submitted for the grant competition may be significantly different from the contents of the actual paper presented in the conference. In a future meeting the Academy will consider the possibility of drafting a set of recommendations for submission to the GSC. Dr. Bona will lead the effort, and all ADTS members are encouraged to contact him with suggestions.

3. Intellectual Property and Online Teaching

A discussion was held regarding the ownership of course content at the University of Florida. There is an apparent difference in the fashion that the university regulations treat the intellectual-property (IP) ownership of the content of online courses versus that of physical-classroom courses. Furthermore, there are very different models of offering compensation to faculty when their course is offered online. The compensation and IP ownership issues have an obvious impact on the faculty motivation for engaging in teaching and research activities, areas that are central to the vision of the Academy. A draft of a summary statement of this situation will be prepared by Prof. Behar-Horenstein for further discussion by the Academy in an ensuing meeting.

4. Other Business: Discussion of The Scholar's Walk Project

Prof. Oscar Crisalle presented the first draft of a document entitled "White Paper Proposing an Architecture-Student Competition for the Design of The University of Florida Scholars Walk" written as the basis for establishing the guidelines for a design competition involving students. The committee is Chaired by Prof. Michael Olexa, and counts with Profs. Gail Kauwell, Barbara Barletta, and Oscar Crisalle as members. The members present at the meeting provided feedback that will be incorporated into the document. A revised version of the white paper will be distributed to all Academy members soliciting their comments.

Prof. Oscar D. Crisalle respectfully submits these notes to the Academy on 10/12/12.