2010-2011 Annual Report for the Faculty Research Awards Committee

During the 2010-2011 academic year the Faculty Research Awards Committee met eight times to determine which applications from the faculty would be funded. The distribution of awards were as follows:

Faculty Research Fund Awards- Fifteen out of twenty-two submitted applications were funded.

Grants In Aid- Ten Applications were funded.

Senior Leaves – Four out of seven submitted applications for senior leaves were approved for Arts and Sciences. One senior leave out of one application was approved for the School of Engineering.

School of Engineering Mellon Junior Leaves- One Mellon Junior leave was approved out of two applications.

Summer Fellowships- Five summer fellowships were approved.

Distinguished Scholar Award- This year’s award was chosen from amongst six nominations from departments in the arts and the humanities. Seth Merrin Professor of Philosophy Ray Jackendoff was named this year’s awardee.

A total of $130,000 was awarded during the 2010-2011 academic year (this includes $10,000 from the Marshall Fund for Biomedical Research). The funds FRAC had at its disposal this year were negatively impacted by the increased fringe benefits rate given to those individuals who were awarded summer fellowships. In the future, FRAC expects an increase in the demand for funds by faculty who want to organize symposia and mini conferences.

The 2010-2011 academic year was also the first time FRAC relied entirely on a Wiki Website for distribution of documents to committee members and for the filing of applications by faculty. After some minor adjustments the system worked well and will continued to be used in the future.

The chairs and committee members of FRAC want to make note of the many years of valuable service by Ms. Charlene Carle without whose help and assistance the committee’s work would have been greatly increased and much less efficient. Next year Ms. Jillian Dubman will replace Ms. Carle, who is taking on other administrative responsibilities.

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