During the 2011-2012 academic year, the Faculty Research Awards Committee met seven times for determining which applications from the faculty would be funded. The distribution of awards was as follows:

- **Faculty Research Fund Awards (FRFs):** 15 applicants; 8 were funded.
- **Grants in Aid (GIAs):** 28 applicants; 22 were funded by FRAC; 3 were awarded a Marshall Fund.
- **Senior/Mellon Leaves:** 10 applicants; 4 were funded by FRAC; one was awarded a Mellon grant.
- **Summer Fellowships:** 7 applicants; 2 were awarded.
- **Distinguished Scholar Award,** this year from the Social Sciences: only one nomination was submitted, but it was eminently worthy of our consideration. FRAC’s award went to Phillip Holcomb, Department of Psychology.

A total of $130,000 (minus precisely 14 cents!) was awarded during the 2011-2012 academic year; this includes $10,000 from the Marshall Fund for Biomedical Research.

For our second academic year, FRAC relied entirely and with good success on a Wiki Website for distribution of documents to committee members and for the filing of applications by faculty. Minor adjustments were made on the site over the span of the year, and new clarifications on Wiki application pages about the stipulations of awards were proposed at our final meeting, on April 6; these will be implemented over the summer.

At this same policy meeting, operational procedures for FRAC were reviewed. The committee was pleased to learn that, thanks to the initiative of Dean Andrew McClellan, the Dean’s Office will now begin to accept requests from tenure-track faculty to help pay for subventions (including the costs of illustrative material and reproduction rights) from academic presses, towards meeting the cost of book publications. That FRAC will no longer fund such requests means that its budget can in the future be directed more fully towards distinctive scholarly projects-in-progress. Finally, I am indebted to Professor Christiane Romero for agreeing to accept the election as chair of FRAC for the academic year 2012-13.

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