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RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[formerly Research, Development, and Equipment Committee]

Annual Report to the School of Education Policy Council

Committee Members

Jeffrey Anderson, Cathy Brown (ex officio), Gretchen Butera, Frank Lester (Chair, Spring Semester), Mitzi Lewison, Terry Ochoa (Chair, Fall Semester), Charles Reigeluth, Tom Sexton, Anne Stright, and Andrea Walton

The primary activity of the committee is to award Proffitt grants, Summer Faculty Fellowships, and the Most Outstanding Dissertation Award. Winners of these competitions are as follows:

Proffitt Grants

Name: Ken Kelly

Title: "Sample Size Planning for Effect Sizes and an R Package for Implementation: Designing Educational Studies for Accurate Parameter Estimation"

Name: Tarajeau Yazzie-Mintz

Title: "The Influence of Teachers' Conceptions of Culture and Language on Instruction in Classrooms Serving American Indian Children"

Summer Faculty Fellowships

Name: David Estell

Title: "Social Dynamics and School Adaptation"

Name: Tarajeau Yazzie-Mintz

Title: "The Influence of Teachers' Conceptions of Culture and Language on Instruction in Classrooms Serving American Indian Children"

Most Outstanding Dissertation Award

The Award will be made in May.

Other Activities and Decisions

1. Changed the deadline for submission of Proffitt proposals to coincide with the date students are notified of financial aid packets.
2. Decided that, until further notice, Proffitt competitions will be conducted only once per year, rather than twice as has been the case in past years,
3. Developed procedures for nominating and selecting individuals to receive awards from the William T. Grant Scholars Program (open to faculty members early in their careers who have shown special promise as researchers).
4. Continued its policy of giving priority in the Proffitt competition to junior, tenure-track faculty and tenured faculty who are undertaking new research programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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are needed to see this picture.

Frank K. Lester, Jr.