

LAUC-SD R&PD Committee Meeting
February 12, 2001
Special Collections Seminar Room

Present: Karen Cargille, Jim Church, Lynda Claassen, Karen Lindvall-Larson (recorder), Nancy Stimson (chair)

Absent: Mary Linn Bergstrom

1. LAUC statewide research proposals

The committee reviewed the six proposals with the following five criteria in mind: is it research; do those submitting requests have a background in the subject; do they have a demonstrated ability to carry out the research; are the costs listed reasonable; and is there a clear product of the research.

After discussion (summarized below) the candidates were ranked in the following order: Salazar, Popa, Naiditch, Byrne and Lowell, Aiken, and DeDecker. We would recommend funding the top four, though we do wonder on Byrne and Lowell why funding hasn't be sought from other sources, in particular the UCB Architecture Department itself. We have serious reservations about the proposals of Aiken and DeDecker and wonder if their proposals fit the criteria for research.

Discussion:

Salazar: She is an expert, has a background in the area, the topic is important, there is a lot of graduate assistant time requested but the complexity of the subject matter and research to be tracked would seem to warrant it, there will be a scholarly product available on the web.

Naiditch: He is respected in his rather narrow field, it is definitely scholarly research, he has worked on the topic for some time, he has made appropriate contacts with institutions, he is not asking for airfare, his cost amounts seem appropriate.

Aiken: Where is the selection criteria? Where is the research, it appears to be basically a preservation project. If this project is so important, why aren't other sources stepping forward to preserve the material? The costs have nothing to do with research, only with preservation.

Byrne and Lowell: If the project is so important, why aren't they seeking (and getting) funds elsewhere? Is there really no money available? Otherwise, the proposal qualifies under all the criteria listed above.

DeDecker: Why isn't this project tied into CDL? Shouldn't all the campuses be involved if it will affect all campuses? Is constructing a website to be considered research?

Popa: This definitely meets all the criteria we stated above and the costs are reasonable.

The committee thought it would be appropriate for Mary Linn (who is attending in Lynda's place) to ask for the statewide committee's criteria for what constitutes research and what they look for in evaluating a request for funds. Jim would like to know if the committee has considered funding requests for digitizing materials, and Karen C. wondered if they had considered funding projects to deliver information, not just original research.