

**SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Introduction

The CETL Grants Administration Committee, under the direction of the Provost, provides opportunities for professional development for all full-time, tenured and tenure-track SU faculty. Committee membership for 2022-2023 is shown in Table 1. Funds to support these activities are provided by the University operating budget and the SU Foundation (Table 2). The new funds for the 2022-2023 academic year was \$103,512, which continues the reduction in SU Foundation allocation from \$40,000 down to \$20,000 first seen in 2021-2022. \$122,241 was carried over from previous year. Faculty participation continued to bounce back from covid travel restrictions, but still had not reached prepandemic levels.

Chris Wonders, the former director of the Institute for Public Service / Sponsored Programs, left Shippensburg University in March 2022. With the loss of Chris Wonders's expertise, CETL Grants Administration concentrated on maintaining our established services while we awaited a new IPSSP director. Chris Wonders's former CETL Grants duties were covered by Antonia Price from March 2022 until October 2022, then by George Pomeroy for the remainder of 2022-2023.

**Table 1
CETL Grants Administration Committee, 2022-2023.**

Paul Taylor, Director	Mathematics
Jose Ricardo-Osorio	Dean, College of Education and Human Services
John Kooti	Dean, College of Business
Lesley Brown	Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Eucabeth Odhiambo	Teacher Education
Melissa McNelis	Human Communications Studies
Grant Innerst	Mathematics
Christine Senecal	History and Philosophy
Matthew Shupp	Counseling
Arelys Madero Hernandez	Criminal Justice
George Pomeroy	Interim Director, Institute for Public Service / Sponsored Programs

Table 2
Sources of CETL Grants Administration Funding, 2022-2023.

Funding Source	Amount
SU Provost's Office	\$83,512
SU Foundation	\$20,000
Reserve funds remaining from previous CFEST budgets	\$122,241
TOTAL	\$225,753

2022-2023 Committee activities

Travel and Dissemination of Scholarship Grants - Travel Grants are to support presentations of a paper/poster, required attendance as an elected association officer, or to organize a conference or conference session. Costs associated with dissemination of scholarship such as publication and copyediting fees are also eligible. The award level was increased from \$1000 to \$2000 in 2021-2022 to encourage faculty to resume research activities after the drop during the pandemic, and to make the accumulated balance available to faculty.

Faculty Training and Continued Education (FTCE) – The FTCE program supports attendance at workshops or other types of intensive training. Supported projects include both training to expand scholarship opportunities and training to enable to methods or areas of teaching. The funding was increased from \$1500 per award to \$2000.

Faculty Professional Development Council (FPDC) – FPDC is primarily a PASSHE administered grant program funded through the APSCUF faculty contract. A new contract was approved during 2019-2020 and was still in effect. CETL also administered a competition using PASSHE FPDC guidelines. In light of the significant carryover due to Covid 19, CETL was able to divert additional funds to FPDC grants.

Sub-committees of the CETL Grants Administration reviewed Travel Grant and FTCE proposals on a monthly basis. The full committee met in February to evaluate FPDC applications.

CETL Grants Administration support provided during 2022-2023

Due to the travel restrictions and general disruption related to the Covid 19 pandemic, faculty travel and research were greatly reduced in the previous several years. Faculty activity final began to bounce back significantly in 2022-2023. It was still not at prepandemic levels, but funds awarded were up 56% from 2021-2022.

During 2022-2023, the CETL Grants Administration distributed \$145,147 to support a range of professional development activities (Table 3). The number of awards rebounded significantly from pandemic numbers. For example, 90 awards were made in Travel and Dissemination of Scholarship, compared to 60 in 2021-2022.

Table 3		
Activities funded by CETL Grants Administration, 2022-2023.		
Grant Category	Number of Awards	CFEST Funds awarded
Travel and Dissemination of Scholarship	90	\$118,257
FTCE	7	\$6,801
Payments for Grants Awarded in 2021-2022		\$5,413
FPDC	4	\$14,677
Total CETL Grant Support for 2022-2023	101	\$145,147

Issues and Recommendations

Travel Grants

1. Travel rebounded significantly in 2022-2023. The award limited may need to be reduced in the near future as the accumulated funds for the pandemic are expended. Once that balance is exhausted, award limits will return to a level comparable to prepandemic levels.

FTCE Grants

1. The FTCE program continues to receive very few applications, although it did increase slightly due to increased advertising and the increased award limit.

FPDC

1. CETL funded more projects internally than normal, redirecting funds from travel.

Administration

1. CETL Grants administration was already suffering from reduced staff support in IPSSP, and this was significantly exacerbated by the departure of Chris Wonders. Once a new director of IPSSP is appointed, we will still struggle with staff support.
2. The SU Foundation budget allocation reduction from \$40,000 to \$20,000 has not yet negatively affected CETL Grants. However, as faculty activity returns to historic levels, that budget reduction will result in reduced funds for faculty.

Recommendations

Faculty activity is starting to return to pre-pandemic levels. If staff and budget support do not also return to pre-pandemic levels, services will need to be reduced.