

Attendees

AMBS—Bev Lapp; Bethel—Bob Milliman (liaison, recorder); Lamar Nisly—Bluffton; CMU—Jonathan Dueck; Conrad Grebel—Troy Osborne; EMU—Fred Kniss, Deirdre Smeltzer (chair); Goshen—Ann Vendrely; Hesston—Brent Yoder.

Minutes from June 4, 2018 Meeting: Approved by formal action

Fund Report: Not available at this time; but will be sent out by Bob

Mission and History Documents

- These documents were sent out previously by Bob.
- They record the historical continuity of the Fund's mission and its fulfillment.

Funding Repeated Events

- Two questions
 - Should the Fund be used for similar, repeated events?
 - Should the nature of the repeated events factor into funding consideration?
- Consensus developed over the following approach to the questions:
 - Repeated funding was affirmed, if the request is central to the mission of the Fund, e.g., conferences in which a number of Marpeck institutions participate.
 - Seed money could be used for new, collaborative ventures.
 - Fund money should not be used for continuing activities in which ongoing operations would normally be funded by institutions, e.g., ongoing course or program development.

\$10,000 Grant Limit

- Consensus arose to keep the grant limit at \$10,000; but entertain exceptions.
- The group reviewed and did not agree to change the historical limit of funding no more than 80% of the total amount needed to fund a project.

Parameters for Accepting Final Reports

- Consensus arose for continuing to require reports and to vote on whether to accept or require a new report. The rationale for this conclusion included the following items:
 - Reports promote accountability, e.g., help prevent misuse of funds.
 - Reports help deans to assess what should be funded in the future.
 - Reports could influence future directions for fund recipients. In order to ensure this outcome, fund recipients should be asked to include in their reports how the funded projects will impact future directions.
- Deirdre will take feedback shared during this portion of the meeting and revise the proposal form accordingly.
 - This revision could include a simple rubric to guide the production of the report.
 - The proposed changes will be circulated among the deans for approval.

Website for the Marpeck Fund

- Such a website could include the proposal documents, which could then be accessed easily by faculty members at Marpeck institutions
- Locating this website on the Bethel College website makes good sense, since the Bethel dean serves as the Fund liaison.
- Bob will work on setting up this site.

Future of Mennonite Higher Education Conference

- The MHEC occurs in even years, at rotating sites. The next conference is scheduled for 2020 at Bluffton.
- An early purpose of the Conference was to encourage junior faculty to attend, in order to be exposed to the broad scope of Mennonite higher education.
- A consensus arose that the deans should continue the conference and that the Marpeck Fund should continue to fund it.
- Issue: Holding the conference during the first week of June conflicts with the academic congress held in Canada.
- Question: How should Marpeck Deans intersect with MHEA in sponsoring the conference?

Next meeting of the Marpeck Deans: November 2, 2019, Baltimore, MD, in conjunction with the CIC CAO Institute