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Re: Subcommittee Annual Report, 2006/2007 Academic Year

FSSP Reviews of Faculty Proposals

2006/07 RSCAP Mini-Grants, RSCAP Summer Fellowships, and Faculty Travel Awards: Interest in these internal awards remains high, particularly for RSCAP Summer Fellowships and Faculty Travel, with many worthy proposals being submitted. However, the deadlines for all internal award programs were earlier in the academic calendar than in past years, and this reduced the number of proposals submitted somewhat as applicants adjusted to the new timing. Budgetary constraints continued during the year, and the FSSP was able to award only a fraction of the funds requested (66% for Mini-Grants, 49% for Summer Fellowships, 80% Faculty Travel Awards). The FSSP continued to advocate for additional funds during the year, and was grateful to Provost Ochoa for continuing to provide \$10,000¹ in annual support for the Faculty Travel Awards, and an additional \$1,400 was made available for travel awards from the Crabbe Faculty Development Fund (\$1,000) and the Food 4 Less Faculty Development Fund (\$400). In addition, the IRA Program provided \$10,080 to employ student assistants on faculty Mini-Grant projects.

Attachment #1 shows the trend in funding available for internal awards over the last six years. The importance of the internal award programs increases each year with the growing numbers of newly appointed tenure-track faculty and the limited possibilities for funding research activities elsewhere on or off campus.

The following awards were made in 2006/2007:

1. RSCAP Mini-Grants:	10 awards	\$21,686
2. RSCAP Summer Fellowships:	7 awards	\$39,532
3. Faculty Travel Awards:	23 awards	\$12,600

¹ The Office of the Provost provided an additional \$1,200 to cover awards mistakenly made from an endowment fund (Caletti) that was restricted to School of Business and Economics use.

