

To: Enrica Ardegmani, President, School of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly

From: Philip Goff, Chair of the Research Advisory Committee

RE: Annual Report

The Resources and Planning Committee met rarely during the 2012-13 school year because most of our work is conducted electronically. The other members of the committee are Terri Bourus, Maria Anton, Kate Miller, Nancy Rhodes (fall only), John Parrish-Spowl (spring only), Tim Lyons (ex officio representative of the Agenda Council), and, following the rules of membership for this committee, Jeff Wilson and Edith Millikan of the Dean's Office.

Our primary obligation is to advise the Associate Dean and the faculty on matters related to research and research funding in the school. There were no issues of policy development regarding research activity and integrity. Instead the committee's major activities were directed at strengthening sabbatical proposals and distribution of funds to promote research through review of and recommendation to the Dean of proposals for SLA Summer Research Grants. Since taking on the task the past three years of reading sabbatical proposals and advising the applicants how to strengthen them, the School of Liberal Arts has fared significantly better than it had in previous years. This year was similarly successful. In the spring, the committee put together a call for proposals for Summer Research Grants. There were fourteen proposals with enough funding for about six of them. Most funding went to junior scholars, which will be helpful to help them as they move toward promotion and tenure. The committee also suggested revisions for the call for proposals, which will be reviewed by next year's committee before distribution.