The dean allocated $28,000 for the 2013-14 grant cycle. FDC guidelines specify that 25% of the total allocated FDC budget is available for the Fall grant period, a minimum of 35% for the Spring grant period, and a minimum of 40% for the Summer grant period.

In the fall, we received requests totaling $10,945 and recommended awarding the entire 25 percent available, or $7,000. For spring, we received requests totaling $12,807 and made recommendations for awarding the 35 percent available, $9,800. This left a budget of $11,200 for summer, and the committee made recommendations totaling $11,223.

Over the course of the year, Faculty Development gave at least partial funding to 31 proposals, including 14 conference presentations, attendance at 9 workshops/symposiums, executive participation at two conferences, four book research projects, and three projects in the arts.

Due to budget restrictions, the committee was unable to award the maximum amounts allowed by the guidelines, recently reducing support at conferences from four days and three nights to three days and two nights. Rather than change the guidelines, the committee prefers to retain the option to fund at a higher rate when money is available.

The committee also awarded course releases for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015.