NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

CFR Grant Competition
Grants from the Council on Faculty Research will be available this fall. Applications are due at noon on September 3, 2008. See the program description on page 7.

Effort Certification
The effort of any employee paid from a grant must be certified (unless the employee is paid on an hourly basis and submits a time card). Effort certification forms will be distributed in July; the forms should be signed and returned by the deadline indicated on the form. See the article on page 2 for more details.

Faculty Development Seminars
ORSP will conduct four faculty development seminars during the Fall of 2008. Devoted to making faculty more successful in applying for funding (both internal and external), these seminars have been well received in the past. For a description of each seminar, as well as its date and time, see the listing on page 6. Advance registration can be completed on the website of the Office of Faculty Development.

Submissions and Awards
The listing on pages 3 – 5 recognizes everyone who received a grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the final quarter of FY08.

Bob Chesnut
**What is “Effort”?**
Effort is the proportion of time spent on professional activities such as research, teaching, or administration for which an individual is employed by Eastern Illinois University.

**What is Effort Certification?**
Effort certification consists of signing a form, indicating agreement with the form’s listing of the approximate percentage of work time devoted to professional activities. It is important to note that effort is not calculated on a 40-hour workweek. If an individual works 80 hours in a week, 40 hours represents 50% effort. Eastern’s effort certification form begins with a payroll distribution as a general reminder of the projects on which an individual’s salary was charged during the certification period.

**Importance of Effort Certification**
The Federal requirement for effort certification is detailed by OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions. An effort reporting system is required for anyone who receives compensation with federal funds. In order to meet the Federal standard of consistency all sponsored agreements are subject to effort reporting regardless of source of funds.

**Who is subject to Effort Reporting?**
Any employee who has regular or additional salary charged to a grant is subject to effort reporting. For employees who submit timecards, the timecard is considered sufficient certification of effort.

**Who should sign the Effort Certification Form?**
To ensure that the effort reporting system reasonably reflects actual effort expended during the report period, the person completing the Effort Certification Form must be a person with first-hand knowledge of the effort expended. In general, this is the individual whose effort is being reported or that individual’s direct supervisor. A principal investigator may certify the effort of co-investigators, other faculty or professional staff, and other personnel (e.g., graduate students or research assistants) whose effort is devoted to the sponsored project.

**How often are Effort Certification Forms completed?**
Effort Certification Forms are signed and submitted two times per year—in early January and in early July. The response deadline will be printed on the form and will normally be 2 weeks after distribution of the form.
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<td><strong>Hanner, Mary Anne, Sciences Dean's Office.</strong> Research Corporation - Undergraduate Research Award. Research Corporation, $4,000.</td>
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<td><strong>Over, Thomas/Blitz, Jon, Geology/Geography/Chemistry.</strong> Collaborative Research: Enhancement of wind erosion by fire-induced water repellency (year one). National Science Foundation, $52,942.</td>
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<td><strong>Roche, Denis, WEIU.</strong> Illinois Public Broadcasting Grant FY08 (Operating). Illinois Arts Council, $64,841.</td>
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<td><strong>Semeniuc, Radu, Chemistry.</strong> Novel Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Cage Architectures Incorporating Azacrown Ethers and 1,3,5-Triazine Scaffolds. American Chemical Society - Petroleum Research Fund, $50,000.</td>
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<td><strong>Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.</strong> Senior Nutrition Program FY08 (Increase). (McLean County) United Way of McLean County, $5,424.</td>
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<td><strong>Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.</strong> Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (McLean County) John M. Scott Health Resources/City of Bloomington, $32,500.</td>
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GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED APRIL—JUNE, 2008


Daniel, Steven, Biological Sciences. Patterns and determinants of the prevalence of oxalobacter formigenes. Boston University/National Institutes of Health.

Daniels, Steven/Havey, Mike/McCormick, Christine, Physics/Psychology. Open Ended Inquiry Using Cosmic Rays. National Science Foundation.

Dau, Jeanne, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Business Solutions Center. Lumpkin Family Foundation.


Hanner, Mary Anne, Sciences Dean's Office. Research Corporation - Undergraduate Research Award. Research Corporation.


Rich, Cynthia, Education and Professional Studies Dean's Office. Teaching with Primary Sources (Year 2 - Increase #1). Library of Congress.
Roche, Denis, WEIU. Illinois Public Broadcasting Grant FY08 (Operating). Illinois Arts Council.
Rogers, Ke'an/Huckstep, Jenifer/Roche, Denis, WEIU. WEIU TV Parenting Counts. Talaris Institute/Parenting Counts.
Rogers, Ke'an/Johnson, Jana/Roche, Denis, WEIU. My Source Community Impact Grant. Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08 (Increase). (McLean County) United Way of McLean County.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (Champaign County) City of Urbana/Cunningham Township Consolidated Social Service Program.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (McLean County) City of Bloomington Township.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Macon County) John Ullrich Foundation.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Moultrie County) City of Sullivan.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Shelby County) City of Windsor.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Iroquois County) Donovan Trust for Watseka.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Macon County) Normal Township.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (Champaign County) Ruth Hayward Masonic Fund.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (Moultrie County) Moultrie County United Way.
Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Shelby County) City of Shelbyville.
Yan, Zhiqing, Chemistry. Supramolecular Hosts as Nanoscale Reactors with Controllable Gates. Research Corporation.
Electronic Searches for Grant Opportunities  
Sept. 15, 2008  3:00 – 4:00 P.M.  4450 Booth Library  

Several search engines on the Research and Sponsored Programs web site are useful for seeking grant opportunities. Participants will learn important search techniques and methods of conducting regular, automated searches for external funding.

Introduction to Proposals for External Funding  
Oct. 8, 2008,  3:00 – 4:00 A.M.  Effingham Room  

Anyone who is relatively new to submitting proposals to external agencies will benefit from this seminar. The presentation will include: (1) a description of major sections of typical proposal; (2) a brief description of how to construct a budget; (3) Eastern’s internal requirements for approval of proposals before they are submitted; (4) Eastern’s internal procedures for handling money after a grant has been approved, and (5) regulatory issues such as protection of animals and human subjects.

Getting that Grant: A Panel Discussion of Real Experiences  
Oct. 29, 2007,  3:00 – 4:00 Effingham Room  

A panel of winners of external funding will discuss successes and failures. This forum will encourage interaction between panel members and the audience.

How to Write a Proposal to the Council on Faculty Research  
Dec. 3, 2008  3:00 – 4:00 P.M.  Effingham Room  

Eastern’s internal funding for research and creative activity is awarded on a competitive basis by the Council on Faculty Research. There are two rounds of funding, one in the fall and one in the spring. This presentation will include suggestions for making a proposal competitive, as well as examples of recent funded proposals.
FY2009 COUNCIL ON FACULTY RESEARCH (CFR) GRANT COMPETITION

The Council on Faculty Research (CFR) grant competition will be held in early September. The Council supports research and creative activity. Proposed projects must address a significant scholarly issue. All tenured/tenure track faculty in Bargaining Unit A, department chairs, and associate chairs are eligible to submit in the Fall 2008 (FY09) competition. Beginning with awards made during the Fall 2005 competition, any individual may receive only two consecutive Fall awards, after which the individual will be ineligible for a Fall award in the third year. Specifically, receipt of an award for the FY2007 and FY2008 competition will make an individual ineligible for an award in the FY2009 competition; eligibility will resume in the FY2010 competition. Eligible persons who wish to apply for funding from the CFR should hand-deliver one copy of their proposal to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 3, 2008. Researchers who have previously received a CFR grant and/or Summer Research Award should make sure a progress/final report is on file for each award in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. To obtain a copy of the application materials, please visit our website at http://www.eiu.edu/~grants OS Forms.php. Applicants should be sure they use the most current application forms. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Green in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125.