

ARTICLE 34
SUPPORT FOR FACULTY RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

34.1 PRINCIPLE. To encourage a high standard of excellence among the members of the faculty of Western Michigan University in significant scholarly research, rigorous scientific inquiry, original artistic activity, and inventive technology, a Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Support Fund, which includes the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA), the Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA), the Faculty Research Travel Fund (FRTF), and the Final Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Works Fund (PPP&E) has been established. The administration of the fund shall follow policies established by the Research Policies Council and approved by the Faculty Senate, and subsequently, recommended to the President of the University by the Faculty Senate and approved by the President of the University and the President of the Chapter. Awards supported by this fund shall be given only to bargaining unit faculty. The individual merits of a proposal shall be the primary consideration for any award decisions regardless of the ability of any discipline to receive facilities and administrative costs. Faculty may receive travel support for up to two (2) professionally recognized meetings per year **through the FRTF**.

34.2 RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP. It is mutually recognized by the Administration and the Chapter that all forms of scholarship, including, but not limited to, scholarly research, scientific inquiry, inventive technology, and original artistic activity, advance the institution's research mission, and bring prestige to the university.

34.3 CARRYFORWARD. Funds in the travel category not expended in a given year for that purpose shall be carried over within this fund to the travel category in the next fiscal year. Funds in the scholarly/creative activities category not expended in a given year for that purpose shall be carried over within this fund to the scholarly/creative activities category within Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund for subsequent redistribution. An accounting of the fund shall be provided to the Chapter, upon request, each year.

34.4 WMU-AAUP NOTIFICATION. A copy of current and annual changes in the Research Policies Council policies shall be sent to the Chapter by the Faculty Senate.

Tentative Agreement

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