REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD

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FOR INFORMATION

1. **Re-Profiling Internal Research Funds**

See **Appendix 1**

2. **Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award - Major Grant**

The total budget for the Academic Development Fund in 2013-2014 is $1.5 million. Of this, $845,607 is required to support the Major Grants competition for 2013-2014.

This year SUPAD reviewed 57 applications for Major Grant funding, a marginal decrease over the previous year when 62 applications were received. Of the 57 applications, 13 were recommended for funding. The total amount requested by these 57 applicants was $4,638,480.

As in previous years, SUPAD divided into three subgroups in order to facilitate the detailed review and preliminary ranking of the applications. The subgroups and the number of applications within each are noted below.

	Applications		Funding
	Received	Recommended	Recommended
Biosciences	30	6	$304,544
Physical and Mathematical Sciences & Engineering	19	4	$364,793
Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities	8	3	$176,270
	57	13	
			Total: $845,607

Applications involving computers were referred to the SCUP Subcommittee on Information Technology (SUIT) for technical assessment. SUPAD met once to evaluate the applications and related materials. Separate meetings of subgroups produced preliminary evaluations.

The total amount of the Major Grant awards recommended for 2013-2014 is $845,607; details are provided on the attached table (**Appendix 2**).

3. **Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award – Small Grant Competition**

In the Spring 2012 Small Grant competition, 32 applications for ADF New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Small Grant support were received from all constituencies for consideration for funding. Approximately $100,000 was available for allocation. The requests for funding amounted to $248,942, whereas a total of $100,029 was awarded among the 13 applications approved for funding.

In the Fall 2012 Small Grant competition, 32 applications were received for consideration for funding. Approximately $100,000 was available for allocation, whereas the requests amounted to $253,226. Of the 32 applications received, 14 were approved for funding that totaled $101,567.

The pilot program Western's Strategic Support for CIHR Success was launched October 2012 and 54 applications were received for consideration for funding. Approximately $250,000 was available for allocation, with a 1:1 matching requirement by the Faculty. Of the 54 applications received for a total requested amount of $797,116, thirty applications were approved for funding that totaled $250,185 from the ADF.

Funding recommendations for the Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 competitions are shown on **Appendix 3, Appendix 4** and **Appendix 5** respectively.