Together with some general requirements to foster the atmosphere of research and creative activities, RCAC has some specific duties to undertake. This report summarizes work this year in fulfilling those duties.

1. DRED Excellence awards.
The campus community was invited to submit nominations for these awards by March 9th. RCAC members reviewed 34 nominations in 9 categories, and made recommendations to VP Snyder. Melissa McCarthy’s administrative help in RCAC’s work was much appreciated.

RCAC participated in this committee and presented its findings to the January Senate meeting for a two-week comment period. No comments were received so that report will stand as given.

3. RCAC’s Grants subcommittee
Members: Brice Loose, Debra Erickson-Owens, Furong Xu, Kendall Moore, Lisa Tom, Mark Stolt
Ad hoc reviewers: Stephen Licht, Elizabeth Cooper, Ginette Ferszt, Diane Martins, Ruitang Deng, Celia MacDonnell, Jason Kolbe, Lenore Martin, Simon Enghart, Robert Thompson, Alison Roberts, Farhad Atash, Thomas Sproul

This subcommittee is responsible for reviewing the applications for Proposal Development and Faculty Enhancement internal grants. The subcommittee reviewed and revised the application forms, and anticipated the use of “Infoready” for proposal submission and subsequent review. VP Snyder announced an increase of funding for these grants. The call for proposals went out during the semester break and submissions were due 1st March. 33 Proposal Development (PD) and 19 Faculty Career Enhancement (FCE) proposals were received. The subcommittee, augmented by 13 volunteer reviewers, accomplished the review of proposals, and their recommendations for funding have been forwarded to VP Snyder. The work of the volunteers is recognized herein, and in a letter from the chair of RCAC. The assistance of Dr. Karen Markin with the InfoReady system was invaluable.