

Faculty Senate Resolution to Restore the International Travel Award

Whereas, the International Travel Award (ITA), which provided funding for faculty participation in conferences and similar events abroad, has been eliminated;

Whereas, the ITA allowed Missouri State faculty members from all colleges to gain international exposure for their work, leading to publications, exhibitions, and other professional accomplishments;

Whereas, faculty participation in international conferences promotes the university's reputation as an institution that takes research and creative activities seriously;

Whereas, the costs associated with the ITA were modest, since the award matched funding provided by each recipient's own academic unit;

Whereas, the Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities has recognized the ITA's importance by introducing a college-level version of the grant;

Whereas, travel funding in other colleges is inadequate to pay for international conference participation;

Whereas, the university's Continuous Agility Process (CAP) Research Team is studying ways to enhance research productivity;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends that the CAP Research Team restore the ITA as a university-wide program.