

Memo: UM President Mun Choi

From: Rod Uphoff

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Re: 2018 UMSAEP Report

Last February I provided you a report which summarized the preceding 15 years of UMSAEP activities. This report is more modest. In September 2017, the UMSAEP committee awarded a total of in 2018 faculty exchange grants to 8 UM faculty and 9 to UWC faculty and one SA partnership grant to MU Prof. Meera Chandrasekhar. The awards totaled \$95,235. I reached out to those 2018 UMSAEP awardees as well as past UMSAEP awardees and requested updates on 2018 activities with a UWC or South African collaborator. I received responses from 46 UMSAEP awardees, five of whom reported they were retired or moved to a different university. This report summarizes the major outputs identified by those 41 respondents.

Publications

UM and UWC faculty reported 2 books, 2 book chapters and 16 publications during 2018. Another 12 publications were submitted or under review. In addition, UMSAEP awardees reported at least 12 works in progress.

Conference papers/ Presentations

During calendar year 2018, UM and UWC collaborators presented at 11 national or international conferences on UMSAEP projects. This number does not include other former UMSAEP awardees, such as MU Prof. Julian Binfield who continue to do collaboratively work in South Africa and annually present at important regional African conferences.

Grants

Several UWC and UM faculty members reported that they have submitted or are working on grant submissions with their UWC or UM counterpart. Several UWC and UM faculty indicated that they had received grants in 2018 or grants that were not previously reported based on their UMSAEP funded work:

- MU Profs David Mendoza Cozalt and Scott Peck
National Science Foundation (MCB)
Total Award \$995,609
- UWC Prof. Ndiko Ludidi
SA National Research Foundation
ZAR 559,000

SA National Research Foundation

ZAR 667,880

- MU Prof. Michelle Teti and Prof. Brian Van Wyk

South African Medical Research Council

ZAR 600,000

- UWC Prof. Marshall Keyster

National Research Foundation Development Grant

- UWC Prof. Anita Padmanabhanunni received an NRF Thuthuka award and a Cape Higher Educational Consortium Western Cape Gov. Grant

- MU Prof. Enid Schatz,

University of Missouri Research Council

\$10,000

University of Missouri School of Health Professions Catalyst Grant

\$3,570

Courses/Programs Developed

UMSL Prof. Mathew Taylor and UMKC Prof Arif Ahmed received a \$10,000 Intercampus Course Sharing grant to develop a Global Health and Social Issues course. Prof Ahmed has led several UMKC study abroad trips to UWC and he and Prof Taylor plan co-teaching this course at UWC during the summer of 2020 and ultimately including UWC students as well.

Expanding Student Opportunities

As in the past years, UM faculty led study abroad programs have provided UM students an enriching educational and cultural experience in Cape Town. For 2018, those programs included:

MU Professor Rod Uphoff took 15 law students for a joint program with the UWC law faculty.

Led by MU's Profs Carolyn Orbann and Wilson Majee, 16 Health Profession students participated in a service learning program in Fissantekraal, a township near Durbanville.

UMKC Professor Arif Ahmed brought 5 UMKC students for a public health course at UWC.

A number of UWC grad students travelled to Missouri in 2018 to do research or in the case of UWC law students to earn an LLM degree. Among them was Lee Ann Niekerk and whose work was highlighted in <https://news.missouri.edu/2018/worldwide-impact/>. Moreover her researched helped MU Profs David Mendoza-Cozalt and Scott Peck secure the grant noted above. Additionally several UWC

professors reported that UM faculty played key roles in assisting their students to earn Masters degrees this past year or are currently serving on PhD committees for their students.

Conclusion

This report highlights the major outputs of the UMSAEP in 2018. To see trip reports that describe the broad range of UMSAEP funded projects across a variety of academic disciplines, go to the UMSAEP website <https://www.umsystem.edu/president/southafrica> .