

Memo: UM President Mun Choi

From: Rod Uphoff

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Re: 2019 UMSAEP Report

Last March I provided you a short report which summarized the activities of the UMSAEP for 2018. As you recall in 2017, I provided you a much longer report documenting the previous 15 years of UMSAEP activities. This report is again more modest. In September 2018, the UMSAEP committee awarded a total of 2019 faculty exchange grants to 6 UM faculty and 10 to UWC faculty. Those awards totaled \$110,059 of which UWC contributed \$7000. The committee also awarded 3 SA partnership grants which included \$24,300 of UMSAEP funding. Finally, the committee awarded 2 special projects grants to 2 UM faculty and 2 to UWC faculty totaling \$14,000 of which UWC contributed \$3300.

As in previous years, I reached out to the 2019 UMSAEP awardees as well as past UMSAEP awardees and requested updates on 2019 activities with a UWC or South African collaborator. I received responses from 58 UMSAEP awardees, one of whom reported that she was now retired. This report summarizes the major outputs identified by those 57 active respondents. I should note that I know of some active UM/UWC awardees who did not respond but are very productive so I am sure that I have not captured all of the 2019 outputs.

Publications

UM and UWC faculty reported 1 book, 1 book chapter, 2 books in progress and 11 publications during 2019. Another 11 publications were submitted or under review. In addition, UMSAEP awardees reported at least 7 works in progress.

Conference papers/ Presentations

During calendar year 2019, UM and UWC collaborators presented at 17 regional, 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 work collaboratively in South Africa and annually present at important African and international conferences.

Grants

Several UWC and UM faculty members reported that they had submitted grants in 2019 with their UWC colleague or based on work they had done with that colleague but they were not funded. 4 reported that in 2019 they were working on or had submitted grants with their UWC or UM counterpart that were under review. Several UWC and UM faculty indicated had received grants in 2019 based on their UMSAEP funded work:

- UWC Prof. Marshall Keyster and Co PIs MU Profs David Mendoza- Cozatl and Antje Heese

South African Centre of Excellence in Food Security

Total Award: ZAR 390,000

- UWC Prof. Chris Arendse
ARMSCOR, South Africa
ZAR 1, 200,000
- UWC Professor Maria Florence and MU Prof. Mansoo Yu
SA NRF, Thuthuka award
ZAR 95,000 for 3 years
- UWC Prof. Simone Titus
SA NRF
Black Academic Advancement Programme
ZAR 595,000 over 2 years
- UWC Prof. Anita Padmanabhanunni
SA NRF Thuthuka award
ZAR 182,000
- UWC Prof. Mulugeta Dinbabo
United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees, Regional office for Southern Africa
ZAR 200,000
- UWC Prof. Ndiko Ludidi
SA NRF
ZAR 200,000

Courses/Programs Developed

MU Prof. Elizabeth Chang and UWC Prof. Courtney Davids team taught a co-designed course via Zoom during the Fall 2019 semester. The course was titled “British Literature Revisited.”

Expanding Student Opportunities

As in past years, UM faculty led study abroad programs that have provided UM students an enriching educational and cultural experience in Cape Town. For 2019, those programs included:

MU Professor Rod Uphoff took 11 MU law students for an intersession course in January and 15 law students for a joint program with the UWC law faculty in the summer.

Led by MU's Profs Carolyn Orbann and Lynette Phillips, 16 Health Profession students participated in July in a service learning program in Fisantekraal, a township near Durbanville.

MU Professor Ron Stodghill brought 6 MU Journalism students to Cape Town in May to produce stories about South Africa and its people. To see this incredible work, click on this link.

<https://mizzousouthafrica.wordpress.com/>

A number of UWC grad students travelled to Missouri in 2019 to do research or in the case of two UWC law student to earn an LLM degree at the MU School of Law. Two MU grad students Sam McInturf and Ke Goa traveled to UWC in May to construct a robotic feeding machine in Prof Marshall Keyster's lab. One UWC student who worked with UMKC Professor John Kevern while Prof Kevern was at UWC on a UMSAEP funded research project subsequently enrolled in a Ph.D. at UMKC and another UWC student is enrolling there as is one at MU. Additionally, a number of UM faculty played key roles in assisting UWC students in earning a Masters or Ph.D. degree this past year or are currently serving on Ph.D. committees for UWC students. Finally, as part of two grant programs funded by the SA government, and administered by UWC, UM faculty hosted and mentored 11 SA Ph.D. candidates who traveled to Missouri in 2019.

Conclusion

This report highlights the major outputs of the UMSAEP in 2019. 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> .