Annual Report of the Senate Lectures and Forums Committee

The Lectures and Forums Committee welcomed some new members this year. The committee consisted of:

1. David Ingram, Theater - Chair
2. Jan Krzywicki, Boyer
3. Noa Kaumeheiwa, Law
4. Robin Mitchell-Boyask, Classics

The committee met once, in September, and conducted the rest of the year’s business by e-mail. We received 11 proposals in the fall, which we funded, but at lower levels than requested, spending $4100 of the $5000 allocated. We then received 9 more applications in the spring semester - a surprising increase from previous years. Of these, we were able to only fund 4, at significantly lower levels than requested, from the $900 left in the fund. This is the first year in my history with the committee that we've turned down applications.

It is clear to our committee that the Lectures and Forums Fund needs increasing. For several years, we have had only $5000 to distribute (apparently cut from $10,000 several years ago). This year, we received over $9000 in requests for funding. The proposals are coming in from a wider swath of the University, and we anticipate that requests will increase even more next year. The cross-departmental lectures that we help sponsor are vital to the intellectual life of the University. Yes, we are an institution of distinct colleges and departments, but intellectual inquiry doesn't always stay within these boundaries. An increase in funding will underline Temple’s commitment to cross-disciplinary explorations.

We propose that the amount of the Lectures and Forums fund be doubled to $10,000.

A detailed report of the committee's work is attached.

Yours,

David Ingram

Associate Professor, Theater
Chair, Lectures and Forums Committee

Lectures and Forums Committee, 2014-15
Proposals and Awards

Fall 2014:

11 Proposals – all funded
Requested – Fall: $4950
Awarded – Fall: $4100
Event: 2 lectures as part of the Speaker Series in Languages and Linguistics,
Proposers: Prof. Pavlenko – Education, Garrett – Anthropology, Toth – Spanish and Portugese
Requested: $500
Granted: $500 - $250 for each speaker

Event: “Devotion and Discursivity in Italian Renaissance Art” - Lecture
Proposer: Prof. Hall – Art History
Requested: $500
Granted: $400

Event: “Hélio Oiticica’s Hunting Dogs Project” - Lecture
Proposer: Prof. Nelson, Art History
Requested: $500
Granted: $400

Event: “Market Forces” - Lecture
Proposer: Prof. Blackson
Requested: $500
Granted: $400

Event: What: “Diego Rivera’s Portable Frescoes: Sugar Cane and Liberation of the Peon”
Proposer: Prof. Nelson – Art History
Requested: $500
Granted: $400

Event: Camilo Jose Vergara, lecture on his work
Proposer: Prof. Orvell – English
Requested: $500
Granted: $400

Event: “A talk on Organizing for Disability Rights: History, Tactics, and Goals”
Proposer: Prof. Lukin - English
Requested: $200
Granted: $200

Proposer: Prof. Cooper – Art History
Requested: $450
Granted: $300

Event: DuPlessis Lecture in Poetry and Poetics
Proposer: Prof. Teare – Creative Writing
Requested:  $500  
Granted:  $400

Event:  "New Frontiers: Brazil and the Inter-American Project" – Distinguished Lectures in Spanish and Portugese series  
Proposer:  Prof. Shellhorse – Spanish and Portugese  
Requested:  $500  
Granted:  $400

Event:  “The Soul of Things: Realism and Symbolism in Late Nineteenth-Century Belgian Art”  
Proposer:  Prof. Dolan – Art History  
Requested:  $300  
Granted:  $300

Spring 2015:

9 Proposals – 4 funded  
Requested – Spring:  $4100  
Awarded - Spring:  $ 900

Event:  “Passing The Ball: Race and Sports Conference 2015”  
Proposer:  Drew Brown - African-American Studies  
Requested:  $500  
Granted:  $300

Event:  “TemPennTon” Anthropology Conference  
Proposer:  Prof. Garrett – Anthropology, Rey - Religion  
Requested:  $500  
Granted:  $200

Event:  “Symposium on Feminist Rhetorical Research in honor of Sue Wells”  
Proposer:  Eli Goldblatt - English  
Requested:  $500  
Granted:  $200

Event:  “Emerging Documentary Practices” Conference  
Proposer:  Prof. Coover - FMA  
Requested:  $400  
Granted:  $200

Event:  “Art, Geometry and the Image of the Ruin in the Sixteenth-Century Kunstkabinett”  
Proposer:  Prof. West - Art History  
Requested:  $500  
Granted:  $0
Event: “Jacobo Pontormo’s Virgin and Child with Saint Anne”
Proposer: Prof. Silk, Art History
Requested: $400
Granted: $0

Proposer: Prof. Arabindan-Kesson - Art History
Requested: $500
Granted: $0

Event: Workshop/master class in groundbreaking movement training method by Kari Margolis: “The Margolis Method”
Proposer: Prof. Anderson - Theater
Requested: $300
Granted: $0

Event: “Futures of Visual Anthropology” conference
Proposers: Profs. Milestone - Anthropology, Alter, Drury - FMA.
Requested: $500: $350 for keynote speaker, $150 for workshop leader.
Granted: $0

TOTAL Proposals: 20
TOTAL Funded: 15
TOTAL Requested: $9050
TOTAL Awarded: $5000