

Minutes

Meeting of the Panel on Theological of Education: Friday, April 15th, 2010, and by conference call on Thursday, May 12th, 2011

Friday, April 15th, 2011 12pm to 1:30pm

Present: Rob Eller-Isaacs, Chair; Peter Morales, Rob Hardies; Linda Laskowski, Doug Gallagher; Marvin Ellison, Virginia Luke, Sarah Lammert, David Pettee, Executive Secretary

Absent: None

The Panel met briefly in the midst of the UUA board meeting to introduce the three new Panel members, thank Marvin Ellison for his long and valuable service to the Panel, discuss the allocation of unspent FY 2011 grants, and begin a conversation that would conclude during the upcoming conference call regarding FY 2012 budgetary recommendations.

FY 2011

The Panel had designated \$15,000 for Panel Administration for FY 2011 and met only once in FY 2011, leaving most of these funds unspent. [The Panel voted reallocation of \$25,000 for the Internship Clearinghouse Coordinator position which was vacated by staff reduction, to be used to hire consultants from the Educational Development Corporation to address the recommendation in the Strategic Review of Professional Ministries report for the "creation of a rubric for excellence in 21st century ministry."]

Recognizing that \$29,560 grant funds from FY 2011 remained unspent at the time of the meeting, the Panel affirmed that \$10,000 for recruitment and \$12,500 for credentialing would be utilized before June 30, 2011, and voted to reallocate \$7,000 from the unspent UU Scholars funds from FY 2011 for the Sankofa Project.

All these funds will be expended before the end of FY 2011.

Marvin Ellison gave the UU Scholar's report. He recommended that Elizabeth Gish be granted the dissertation award that includes an honorarium for her mentor, that Lydia Willsky receives a scholarship and an honorarium for a mentor, and that funds be committed for co-sponsorship of the AAR UU Scholars gathering. Marvin agreed to follow up with Lydia to clarify her request and follow up with David Pettee prior to the conference call.

The Panel discussed the need for a strategic planning retreat given the significant turnover on the Panel, and determined that noon, Monday, October 24th through noon, Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 at the Essex Center will be the dates of the retreat.

Thursday, May 12th, 2011, conference call, 2pm to 3:30pm

The Panel met by conference call. All were present except a replacement for the non-UU theological educator role that has yet to be filled.

Before discussing the grant requests, the Panel discussed Linda Laskowski's concern about the appearance of a possible conflict of interest given that Rob Eller-Isaacs the most recent President of the UUMA was now the chair of the Panel, and that a request from the UUMA has been received. It was agreed that Panel members all wear multiple hats and should always be mindful as they make grant allocations.

GRANTS: The Panel voted to allocate **\$534,500** for grants in **FY 2012**. From a base of \$504,500, this figure includes \$5,000 not being spent for Panel Administration expenses and \$25,000 not being allocated for the Internship Clearinghouse.

\$190,000	Starr King School for the Ministry
\$190,000	Meadville Lombard
\$25,000	Harvard Divinity School
\$25,000	Andover Newton Theological School
\$15,000	Renaissance Modules
\$22,500	Living into Covenant: Mt./Desert/Metro NY/JPD + evaluation
\$18,300	Military chaplain gathering
\$26,700	UU scholars related expenses
\$2,000	Sankofa Project
\$10,000	Recruitment
<u>\$10,000</u>	UUMA: Facilitating Cultural Change
\$534,500	

ADMINISTRATION: After the Panel determined that they wanted to allocate **\$10,000** for administration for FY 2012, the Panel voted to designate \$5,000 now for the October 2011 retreat as a down payment and \$5,000 for the Sankofa Project from the FY 2011 Panel Administration budget.

After making budget recommendations for FY 2012, the Panel discussed more of the details related to the retreat, offering names of potential facilitators. Dave Pettee will work with Rob Eller-Isaacs to make the necessary arrangements. Panel members also discussed their hopes for outcomes at the retreat.

Rob briefly discussed his conversation with Gini Courter that he had in advance of the call, clarifying her future participation and desires for the Panel.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pettee
Executive Secretary