

Summaries for Recommended Sabbatical Leave Requests

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Brenda Foster: Mathematics and Engineering Studies, Winter 2020

Brenda's proposal is to study in-depth an innovative social engagement theory proposed by Linda Kohanov that posits the leader as a master herder. Brenda's training in the Five Roles of a Master Herder, at Kohanov's facility in Arizona, will develop this metaphor further and allow Brenda to envision its application to her role as instructor. Her goal is to improve her teaching by testing this and other innovative techniques as ways of facilitating growth and learning for each student in her classroom. She intends to present what she has learned in a KALPA session when her training is complete. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.

Bonnie Tew: Humanities, Winter 2020

Bonnie intends to continue work begun this year on a major initiative in her division to explore ways of making liberal arts courses more relevant to the needs of students whose fields are outside the liberal arts. She will be working to establish a framework for offerings in COM 101, Fundamentals of Speaking, which will incorporate assignments students will likely encounter in the workplace. This will require research on employers' needs, assignment design, and work to align the new offerings with those established in respected publications. Bonnie expects her work to feed into the larger project work of her division. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.

Emily Thompson: Life Sciences, Winter 2020

Emily's project includes two research strands: genetics and sustainability. She will study data on birth defects in both Michigan and throughout the US, as well as uncovering updates to the human genome sequence, such as Decode in Reykjavik, Iceland. She will work to compare sustainability efforts in environments such as Reykjavik, Iceland, and San Francisco with those in Ann Arbor, and will investigate sustainability efforts at community colleges such as Delta in Michigan, and universities such as Stanford. She plans to investigate the collaboration between business and environmentalists at Indiana Dunes National Park. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.

Sandra McCarthy: Library, Winter 2020

Sandra's project encompasses research she will do under the aegis of the Medical Library Association Research Training Institute, which has awarded her a scholarship to their training institute in Chicago this July and has accepted her research proposal. Her proposal is to research the competency and perceived competency of community college health sciences librarians as reflected in the Medical Library Association Competencies for Lifelong Learning and Professional Success. A second project is to design and deliver a research institute for Washtenaw students to promote capabilities for scholarly research, as determined through her research, and to ready students for upper level university research. The committee has determined that this project meets sabbatical guidelines.