Sabbaticals Committee Report, 2005-2006

Membership:
- Biology – John Weinstein
- Business Administration – Dorothy Moore
- Chemistry – Carey Rushing
- Civil and Environmental Engineering – Michael Woo
- Education – Linda Elksnin
- Electrical and Computer Engineering – Mark McKinney
- English – Philip Leon
- Health, Exercise and Sports Science – Gary Wilson
- History – Kyle Sinisi
- Library – David Heisser
- Mathematics and Computer Science – William Denig
- Modern Languages – Katya Skow-Obenaus
- Physics – Joel Berlinghieri
- Political Science and Criminal Justice – Robert Steed
- Psychology – Mike Politano

On September 1, 2005, the committee held its organizational meeting. David Heiser, after serving as chair for two years, stepped down and Professor Mark McKinney was elected as chair. A subcommittee consisting of Dorothy Moore, Katya Skow-Obenaus and David Heisser was formed to plan a round-table symposium.

On October 13th, a sabbaticals symposium and luncheon, sponsored by the provost, was held in The Regimental Commander’s Riverview Room. About 30 people attended and the topic of the symposium was “Sabbatical Strategies and Fulbright Opportunities”. Presentations were made by Whangbai Bahk and Donald Sparks and poster displays were provided by Mei-Qin Chen, Laurence Moreland and Lisa Zuraw. Committee members were also available to answer any questions concerning the sabbatical process.

Four applications for sabbaticals were received by the close of the application period, November 4, 2005 at 5pm. The committee members read the applications, interviewed the applicants during the week of November 14th, discussed the proposals, and then ranked the applications. Applications were ranked by assigning each first place choice the number 1; second place choice number 2; and so on with the option of recommending not funding the proposal. The results were compiled and the committee transmitted its recommendations and rankings to the provost on December 1st.

In January, Provost Steven notified the successful applicants of their awards. Full-year sabbaticals were awarded to Professors Elba Andrade and Janette Moody. A half-year sabbatical was awarded to Professor Al Gurganus.

For the committee,

Mark H. McKinney
Chair, 2005-2006