



George A. Smathers Libraries  
Grant Management Committee

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Kathryn Kennedy and Margeaux Johnson  
Marston Science Library

October 27, 2006

Dear Kathryn and Margeaux:

On behalf of the Library's Grant Management Committee we want to thank you for participating in this year's Mini Grant program; regretfully, we must inform you that the committee did not recommend funding of your proposal.

The committee received 13 grant proposals this year and, of these, 4 have been funded. Committee members evaluated all proposals according to the same criteria: individual merit and innovation, presentation and completeness of the proposal, appropriateness of the budgetary request, and long-term benefit to the library and university (including the potential to attract additional funding).

Although the committee found merit in all the proposals, some did not meet the standard of long-term benefit while others involved funding issues that passed beyond the scope of the mini-grant program. In particular, a number of proposals requested funding for work or acquisitions that are, in the committee's opinion, more appropriately addressed through other funding sources in the library budget.

The committee had the following comments about your proposal:

The committee found your textbook initiative to be an interesting and innovative idea, but felt strongly it should be funded from the library's normal yearly operating budget.

There was concern that without a commitment of yearly ongoing support this idea would not be sustainable or of long-term benefit. Several committee members felt you should apply immediately for Student Government support and/or to the library directors for discretionary funds.

In passing, the committee noted that your statistics on the need for textbooks were strong; however, there were problems with your budget, including simple errors of arithmetic, that should be eliminated before approaching any other funding agent. In addition, you may want to rethink or clarify your text on conducting surveys and marketing.

A member of the committee will be calling you to determine if you want or need clarification on this feedback.

Sincerely,

The Grant Management Committee:  
Cathy Martyniak, Chair  
Erich Kesse  
Jan Swanbeck  
Peter McKay  
Grace Strawn  
Kelley Cunningham, Grant officer  
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