

PIF Comments

Highly Recommended:

Wixon: Good reviews, young scholar, nice mix of basic and applied research

Lytinen: Good reviews, young scholars, strong interdisciplinary thrusts, novel

Possibles:

Olsen (Graphics): Good team (although I wonder whether this couldn't be funded from other sources)

Gomez: An outstanding scholar, but will it take him in new directions?

Koopman: Important work...but I wonder why it can't be funded from external sources if there is so much \$\$\$ available for AIDS research

Schatz: Involves good people. However I wonder how novel the work would be.

Serious Reservations

Bookstein: This is really a proposal for Fred's personal work that has been ongoing for years. Don't see anything new.

Olsen (Thinker's League): Again, this is a proposal for a modest extension of Skip Goodman's CONFER program... don't really see anything new (and Leslie is already quite overloaded with other activities)

Hagen: Worry that this is just a proposal to dump more funds into CHGD...doesn't involve people outside of the Center

Zahn: Zald and Kahn are two of our strongest...but also best funded...scholars. This seems like a routine transfer of the Stanford program to UM.

Juster: Again, the investigators are among our best known and best funded. Also, isn't Eccles leaving?

Zimmerman: This still looks like a loose confederation of separate projects, held together only by \$\$\$

Ben-Jacob: Bhattacharya's review was the key one, since he knows this field best. There is ample funding for this area...if you have the credibility. I don't like to put \$\$\$ into helping people jump toward (but probably not on) a bandwagon. A bit too opportunistic.

Divergent Reviews:

Crippen: Still wants to build his personal computer lab.

I continue to maintain that if he is good, he can attract ample funding from outside

Lehman: This is a key thrust of the Music School, and they probably have the capacity to fund it.

Shevroshkin: He appears to be a real misfit in the University, totally decoupled from students. I would not support this one.

Tropman: Doesn't appear too novel.

Robinson: Just building on past efforts.

van Leer: This is a "hard-core" engineering research project that should be funded by NSF or ONR. We have no business funding this type of stuff.

Bach Group: I would support the additional request