

B. Restatement of Problem Researched

In this proposal, I requested the resources to attend the annual ASSA conference and the accompanying continuing education program. At the primary annual gathering of the economics profession I was able to network with colleagues, attend research presentations made by the leaders in the profession, and attend a continuing education program on the topic of “Monetary Policy” a topic covered extensively in the class that I teach regularly.

C. Process of Attainment of Goals

I arrived in Boston on Friday Jan 2, 2015. I was able to register for the conference and get checked into the hotel. On Saturday, Jan 3, Sunday Jan 4, and part of Monday Jan 5 the conference proceed with sessions. By mid afternoon on Jan 5 the conference sessions were complete. The continuing education program began at 3:00 on Jan 5, continued all day on Tuesday Jan 6, and concludes on Jan 7 at noon. The monetary policy seminar was taught by Ellen McGrattan, a faculty member at the University of Minnesota; Ricardo Reis, faculty member at Columbia University; Gauti B. Eggertsson, a faculty member at Brown University, and Jeff Fuhrer and research director at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

D. Summary of Outcomes and Experiences

At the conference I networked with several economists, an endeavor which I hope will lead to some collaboration. I attended sessions in the areas of my research, household finance and empirical industrial organization. In particular I discovered a new organization called (IBEF) which as research interests similar to my own. The seminar was enlightening. The presenters often disagreed with each other, thus providing an accurate picture of the state of thinking among the leading monetary policy theorists. I was particularly delighted to be able to connect with Dr. Fuhrer after the session for some help with one of my ongoing research projects.

E. Conclusions and Recommendations

The conference was good. I reconnected with several people who I rarely get to see and it looks like the conversation with Dr. Fuhrer will help me along in my research. I believe that I should attend this conference regularly. The seminar was very good. It was taught at a very high level or rigor. The materials provided were very helpful in keeping up with the course and will provide a good source of reference in the future. In summary, it is well worth the relatively low cost of the seminar. I hope to attend more future seminars at this conference.

F. Attachments

copies of covers of the course material booklets

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