Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee Fall 2010 Quarterly Report

During the Fall 2010 quarter, the committee met every other week for about one hour. Due to changes in the membership and extended travels of some members, for most of the quarter we had very limited or no participation from the OCOB, CSM, and CAED representatives.

This report briefly describes the issues discussed in the meetings. Since all of the committee members available were participating in the joint WASC-Senate task forces, we used the meeting times for consultations and discussions of proposals brought up in the task force meetings.

Resolutions Submitted

• None

Charges from the Senate Chair

During this quarter, the committee addressed the following charges it was given by the Senate chair at the beginning of the Academic Year:

Teacher-Scholar Task Force

Committee chair and volunteer from Research Committee to participate in fall WASC-Senate ad hoc task force on teacher-scholar model – the work of this task force will be complete by the end of fall quarter. The chair of the Teacher-Scholar task force is Scott Steinmaus.

• Task force charges:
  • Resolution stating what the teacher scholar model means for Cal Poly (including a working definition of scholarship)
  • Resolutions on professional development plan and university-level RPT

As the chair of the Senate committee, Franz Kurfess participated in all of the task force meetings. In addition, Bill Plummer, Susan Opava, and Al Liddicoat participated on a regular basis in the task force.

Strategic Plan Task Force

One or two volunteers from Research Committee to participate in fall Senate ad hoc task force on strategic plan – the work of this task force will be complete by the end of January. The chair of the Strategic Plan task force is Eric Mehiel.

• Task Force Charge:
  • Resolution endorsing Strategic Plan, along with any recommended changes to the plan.

Dustin Stegner and Helen Yu acted as representatives from our committee to this task force.

Franz Kurfess

Chair, Academic Senate Research and Professional Development committee

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