

Academic Senate Grants Review Committee
Fall Quarter (2008) Report

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The work of the Academic Senate Grants Review Committee is confined to the Winter term when State Faculty Support Grant (SFSG) and Student Research Competition submissions are reviewed. For the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 terms approximately 45 applications have been received for the SFSG. This is well under the 65 submissions received in the 2007-2008 period. Grant awards for the SFSG will be decided at a committee meeting in early March. The web site for the program is located at- <http://www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/sfsg.html> . Typically, less than 50% of the proposals will be funded.

Final funding for the SFSG is unknown at this time. In the past CalPoly's allocation was approximately \$135,000. Most awards are in the \$5,000 range. Typically, a few thousand dollars is carried over from year to year from money that is returned (ex., awardee leaves the university, money is returned as unspent, etc.), Last year final funding was not known until October for grants awarded in March of the same year. As a consequence, the award letters indicate that an award has been *recommended* to indicate the possibility of insufficient funding.

Interest in the Student Research Competition (2009) has markedly increased over previous years as a function of an enhanced advertising effort. Students from CalPoly will compete on Saturday, February 28th (room to be determined) for entry into the final CSU competition to be held on May 1st & 2nd at CSU Los Angeles.

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