

Report (Fall 2009)

Academic Senate Grants Review Committee

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The grants review committee activities are primarily confined to the Winter term and consist of a review of grant applications for the State Faculty Support Grant program and the selection of Student Research Competition presentations. Thus, the committee did not meet in the Fall term of 2009. However, it should be noted that awards given during the Winter, 2009 term were rescinded due to budget reductions. It's not clear that funding will be restored for the next cycle. The State Faculty Support Grant competition will proceed in the Winter, 2010 term under the assumption that funding will be restored for 2009 and some funding will be available for 2010. The committee will have to set a policy for the award process that will reflect fairness to existing awardees and the recognition that future awards will be limited or non-existent. As yet, there is no indication that the State Faculty Support Grant program will be permanently altered or terminated.

The Student Research Competition is similarly beset with funding issues. Currently, no Cal State campus has agreed to host the event. Only \$20,000 in funding is available for this program and this is not attractive enough given the cost to the hosting campus. It is anticipated that the Chancellor's office will make a determination regarding the event in the Winter term. The committee will assume that the event will go forward unless advised to the contrary. Normally, the individual campus competitions are done in late February and the final system-wide competition is in early May.