

Report (Fall 2012)
Academic Senate Grants Review Committee

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The Academic Senate Grants Review Committee normally does all of its work during the Winter term. Nevertheless, there are a number of relevant events that can be reported for Fall, 2012-

1. The Chancellor's Office did not provide funding for the State Faculty Support Grant program for proposals targeted at research to be performed in 2012-2013 (the previous funding cycle). However, since the final funding determination is usually not known until very late in the academic year, proposals were solicited in the usual manner. Ultimately, reduced funding was made available from a pool of recovered indirect costs held at the Research and Graduate Programs Office. A total of \$71,220 was awarded for ten proposals.
2. The Twenty-Seventh Annual California State University Student Research Competition will be held May 10-11, 2013, at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. This is the final system-wide competition in which students selected from local competitions at each Cal State campus present their work. Announcements soliciting Cal Poly student research proposals will be sent to each college by the end of December. The committee is tentatively scheduled to review the proposals and student presentations on March 2, 2013.
3. The committee wishes to take the opportunity of this report to recognize the tireless work of Dr. Susan Opava, Dean, Research and Graduate Programs Office, who will be retiring at the end of this year. For many years Dr. Opava has been the motivating force behind the success of CalPoly's participation in the State Faculty Support Grant program and the Student Research Competition. Her insight, guidance, and organization were always appreciated in the often contentious process of judging the work of others, the primary mandate of this committee. The committee congratulates her on a job well done and wishes her well in her future endeavors.