

Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee Fall 2012 Quarterly Report

During the Fall 2012 quarter, the committee had meetings scheduled every other week for about 90 minutes. Due to holidays and conflicts during the last week of the quarter, two of the meetings were cancelled.

This report briefly describes the issues discussed in the meetings.

Resolutions Submitted

- None

Charges from the Senate Chair and Executive Committee

The charges were given to the committee with some delay, but included issues that the committee had on its agenda anyway:

1. Teacher-Scholar Model, flexibility for junior faculty – continue discussion with Provost
2. The potential involvement and role for our committee in developing a process for competitive faculty research grants
3. The consideration of TSM aspects in the RPT guidelines
4. The exploration of a simplified SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis concerning the status of RSCA/TSM at Cal Poly - Kayzen analysis may be an alternative
5. Continuation of the discussion of support mechanisms for the Teacher-Scholar Model, including a review of relevant documents from the past
6. Work towards a regular status report on scholarship at Cal Poly (similar to the one Susan Opava's office did in 2004)
7. Informal yearly survey similar to the one on instructional technology done by the IACC
8. Systematic collection of relevant information - at the moment, this is done only on grants information by the Grants Development office
9. Identify examples of enabling and inhibiting practices relating to research and professional development
10. Possible discussion of consulting practices across departments - currently no university-wide policy on reporting of consulting activities

The committee discussed the consolidation and prioritization of the above issues. In addition, we had the following items on our agenda:

- continuation of the discussion of support mechanisms for the Teacher-Scholar Model, including a review of relevant documents from the past
- the potential involvement and role for our committee in developing a process for competitive faculty research grants
- work towards a regular status report on scholarship at Cal Poly (similar to the one Susan Opava's office did in 2004)

So far, no concrete actions have been taken.

The committee also would like to learn more about the restructuring of research-related responsibilities at the University. As one of the first steps, we are planning to invite Provost Finken Enz her for a discussion of the recent reassignments, and the potential impact on activities of the committee.

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