

Memorandum

To: Steve Rein, Chair
Academic Senate

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Subject: Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Report - Fall 2013

This report is brief due to the fact that 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 2013.

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 2013-2014 at this time therefore a call for applications was not distributed to the faculty in Fall.
2. The 28th Annual CSU Student Research Competition will be held May 2 and 3, 2014, at California State Polytechnic University, East Bay. This is the final system-wide competition in which students selected from local competitions at each Cal State campus present their work. The announcement soliciting Cal Poly student research proposals was sent out mid-November.

Please refer to memorandum dated November 18, 2013, to College Deans, Associate Deans, and Department Heads from Dean Wendt, Interim Dean of Research, Office of Research and Economic Development, subject 28th Annual CSU Student Research Competition for additional details about the requirements and competition.

The Grants Review Committee is scheduled to review the proposals late January and student presentations on February 8, 2014.

Tentative changes to the process post-selection of student researchers include peer and committee review session(s) to increase the quality of the presentations and written materials. In addition there will be an event or events hosted by the Office of Research and Economic Development to encourage the student cohort to build cohesiveness and camaraderie.

3. The committee's charge and current and proposed practices for the distribution of RSCA funds on campus are being reviewed by the Provost and Office of Research and Economic Development as part of a larger conversation regarding scholarship funding on campus.