

Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee Winter 2011 Quarterly Report

As in the previous quarters the committee met every other week for about one hour. This report briefly describes the issues discussed in the meetings. Since some committee members were participating in the joint WASC-Senate task forces, we used some of the meeting times for consultations and discussions of proposals brought up in the task force meetings.

Resolutions Submitted

- None; several committee members contributed to the Teacher-Scholar resolution presented by the joint WASC-Senate task force

Charges from the Senate Chair

During this quarter, the committee addressed the following charges it was given by the Senate chair at the beginning of the Academic Year:

Teacher-Scholar Task Force

At a reduced level, the chair and other members were involved in this task force, which presented a resolution on the Teacher-Scholar Model to the senate.

Strategic Plan Task Force

Dustin Stegner continued to participate in this task force. The task force is formulating a resolution concerning the Strategic Plan, to be presented to the Senate in Spring 2011.

Research involving Human Subjects

At the request of the Senate President, the committee re-examined this issue. Susan Opava briefed the committee on the current procedures and policies for the [Human Subjects Committee](#). Franz Kurfess met with Rachel Fernflores (Senate President), Camille O'Bryant (Chair, Kinesiology), and a few faculty members with experience in that area for an informal collection of information about the adequacy of the current structures, policies and procedures. Although it is difficult to judge the scope and degree, there appears to be some dissatisfaction among some faculty members with the current committee composition and some of the procedures. Thus the R&PD committee decided to put this topic on the agenda for the Spring 2011 quarter. Two likely courses of action will be a survey among faculty about Human Subjects in Research, and a comparison of the respective policies and procedures at Cal Poly and those of other institutions.

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