

# Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee Winter 2012 Quarterly Report

During the Winter 2012 quarter, the committee met every other week for about 90 minutes. We had no CAED representative during this quarter.

This report briefly describes the issues discussed in the meetings.

## Resolutions Submitted ¶

- None

## Charges from the Senate Chair

The committee addressed the following charges it was given by the Senate chair at the beginning of the Academic Year:

## Human Subjects in Research

- Continue review of current policy regarding research and human subjects – Senate Chair continues to hear complaints from faculty members who think the procedures outlined in the policy are outdated and timelines for approval are problematic. Some faculty members have suggested that the policy ought to be separated from the procedures, and either or both be updated. Develop methodology to allow for anonymous reporting of concerns from faculty as part of the review. Make recommendation to Senate to endorse the policy as it is, or to revise it in light of feedback from faculty members.
  - Resolution due to Senate office early Winter 2012

Most of the effort during the W12 quarter was spent on this topic. After formulating of a draft resolution, the committee held a joint meeting with members of the Human Subjects Committee to discuss the implications of the proposed resolution. Based on the suggestion of the Senate Chair, our committee decided to convert the format of the document from a resolution to a report. This report will be delivered to the Senate Executive Committee at the end of the W12 quarter.

## Support for the Implementation of the Teacher-Scholar Model at Cal Poly

- Develop a list of support mechanisms to better implement the teacher-scholar model

Continuing the initial discussion from the F11 quarter, we reviewed the documents below in order to identify support mechanisms for the implementation of the Teacher Scholar Model, without duplicating work already done by this committee and other groups, and related discussions.

- WASC Report and the respective [Resolution on Defining and Adopting the Teacher-Scholar Model](#) by the WASC/Academic Senate Teacher-Scholar Model Task Force, which was accepted by the Senate on March 8, 2011
- [AS-691-09 Resolution on Research and Professional Development at Cal Poly](#), which was based on a R&PD Committee Report to the provost in 2008
- [Self-Study Report](#) produced by the WASC team
- [Cal Poly Strategic Plan](#)
- similar documents by other institutions

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