

Report (Winter 2013)
Academic Senate Grants Review Committee

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During the Winter term of 2013, the Academic Senate Grants Review Committee undertook the following-

1. On Saturday, March 2nd, the committee met to evaluate student presentations for the Twenty-Seventh Annual California State University Student Research Competition to 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. A record total of thirty five proposals were submitted and each college was asked to conduct an initial screening in an attempt to bring the number of presentation reviews to a manageable level. Twenty five student proposals were selected for presentation. Each student was given ten minutes of presentation time and five minutes of question time. One presentation was made via a video link. Ten proposals and two alternates were accepted for submission to the final CSU-wide competition and written feedback was provided by the committee to all student participants.
2. Given the variability of funding for the State Faculty Support Grant (SFSG) in the last few years, the Committee decided to change the scheduling of advertising, proposal acceptance, review, and final decision. In the past, the State Faculty Support Grant cycle began with advertising and proposal acceptance in the Fall term and review and final decision in the Winter term with actual funding arriving from the Chancellor's Office sometime in the summer or the fall (roughly 3 to 6 months after the decision). Thus, the SFSG process occurred in advance of funding. In the past, this was a relative certainty.

In recent years, for budgetary reasons, funding was not forthcoming and awardees could only be notified of this fact during the Fall term after a "contingent on funding" award had been issued. The Committee determined that a revised schedule for the SFSG process was in order to avoid further complication and disappointment. In the future, advertising and proposal acceptance will only occur when funding is certain. Most likely this would occur in the Fall term and the review and final decision would occur during the Winter term.