

Memorandum

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Academic Senate

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Subject: Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Report – Winter 2014

This report is brief due to the fact that the Academic Senate Grants Review Committee's primary work has been distributed between the Winter and Spring terms this year. Nevertheless, there are a number of relevant events that can be reported for Winter 2013.

1. The Chancellor's Office provided \$100K in additional funding for the former "State Faculty Support Grant" program for proposals targeted at research to be performed in 2014-2015. The Chancellor's Office has empowered the individual universities to distribute monies as they see fit. The a decision was made with the Provost and Office of Research and Economic Development that the money be added to the Provost's RCSA Grant Funding monies. The applications for these monies is due April 7, 2014.
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.

The Grants Review Committee reviewed the proposals late January and attended student presentations for the entire day on February 8, 2014. We are pleased to report that our ASI Graduate Student representative actively participated in this process, the first time in the 6 years of my tenure on the committee. He provided very thoughtful questions and feedback. Of the 22 proposals presented the GRC has forwarded 10 proposals representing all colleges to the CSU wide competition. This is the first year that the CSU committee has sent us a rubric in which they will be evaluating student presentations. This will allow us to provide additional information to students and faculty advisors.

This will be the first year that the process for post-selection of student researchers will include a committee review session to increase the quality of the presentations and written materials. This will occur in mid-May. In addition there will be an evening dinner event hosted by the Office of Research and Economic Development to encourage the student cohort to build cohesiveness and camaraderie. The interim Dean of Research and the GRC Committee Chair will be attending this event.

3. A rubric for review of the RSCA proposals is in development being drafted by the GRC chair and the committee will be providing feedback on the process early April.

4. 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. After this process the GRC Bylaws will be reviewed and possibly revised to reflect changes in campus policies.