

Academic Senate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA) Committee Winter 2014 Quarterly Report

During the Winter 2014 quarter, the committee had meetings scheduled every other week for about 90 minutes, with a total of four meetings during the quarter. One meeting was cancelled since the scheduled work was completed early.

This report briefly describes the issues discussed in the meetings.

Resolutions Submitted

- The AS-780-14 "Resolution on Revisions to Policies Related to Centers and Institutes" was submitted jointly by the Academic Senate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee and the Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee, and approved by the Senate on March 13, 2014.

Resolution on Revisions to Policies Related to Centers and Institutes

In response to an audit by the CSU, this committee was charged with a review of the revised policies about centers and institutes at Cal Poly. The committee conducted two rounds of reviews of a draft document on the policies formulated under the leadership of Bradford Anderson, the university's interim vice president for research and economic development. Another review was conducted by the Faculty Affairs committee. Both committees were in support of the revised policies document, and a resolution to support the document was submitted jointly by the two committees to the Senate.

Indirect Cost and Release Time Policies

Continuing the discussion from the Fall 13 quarter, Dean Wendt gave an update on the current status of the policies.

Research Space in Building 52

The request for proposals went out and several individuals plus all colleges applied for space. An ad-hoc committee including Franz Kurfess met on March 19 to discuss the applications.

Related Activities in Other Committees and Similar Bodies

Continuing the effort to keep the committee informed about related activities, Franz Kurfess regularly advised the committee of recent developments in the Instructional Advisory Committee on Computing (IACC) / Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT), and the ITS ad hoc group on "Emergent Technologies."

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