

Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee - AY 2011-11 Report

During the 2010-2011 Academic Year, the committee met each quarter every other week for about one and a half hours.

This report briefly describes the main issues discussed in the committee meetings.

Resolutions Submitted

- The committee contributed to the [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.
- The committee also contributed to a resolution on the Cal Poly Strategic Plan by the WASC/Academic Senate Teacher-Scholar Model Task Force, which was passed by the Senate on May 3, 2011.

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:

Teacher-Scholar Task Force

Committee chair and volunteer from Research Committee to participate in fall WASC-Senate ad hoc task force on teacher-scholar model – the work of this task force will be complete by the end of fall quarter. The chair of the Teacher-Scholar task force is Scott Steinmaus.

- Resolution stating what the teacher scholar model means for Cal Poly (including a working definition of scholarship)
- Resolutions on professional development plan and university-level RPT

As the chair of the Senate committee, Franz Kurfess participated in all of the task force meetings. In addition, Bill Plummer, Susan Opava, and Al Liddicoat participated on a regular basis in the task force.

Strategic Plan Task Force

One or two volunteers from Research Committee to participate in fall Senate ad hoc task force on strategic plan – the work of this task force will be complete by the end of January. The chair of the Strategic Plan task force is Eric Mehiel.

- Resolution endorsing Strategic Plan, along with any recommended changes to the plan.

Dustin Stegner and Helen Yu acted as representatives from our committee to this task force.

Human Subjects in Research

Review current policy and procedures regarding research and human subjects.

- The committee discussed this issue with people involved in the process, and with representatives of researchers who expressed dissatisfaction with the current procedures. The committee also developed and distributed a survey on this topic. While most of the feedback from the survey has been received, the evaluation of the responses has not been completed. Several committee members will be reviewing and analyzing the outcomes over the summer. The initial impression is that there are some people who are dissatisfied with certain aspects of the procedures used to administer the policies. It is unclear, however, if there are changes in the procedures have a good likelihood of resolving these issues, considering the constraints

imposed by the federally mandated policies and Cal Poly's specific circumstances.

Committee Organization

The committee continues to use a Wiki as a repository for committee documents, see [<http://wiki.csc.calpoly.edu/senate-research-prof-def/wiki>]. Available through the Wiki are this report, as well as meeting agendas and meeting notes. The Wiki also contains more detailed information on specific issues on the agenda, but those documents are restricted to committee members only.

Franz Kurfess

Chair, Academic Senate Research and Professional Development committee

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