

Memorandum

To: Gary Laver, Chair
Academic Senate

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From: Jeanine Scaramozzino, Chair
Grants Review Committee

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Subject: Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Report – 2014-2015

1. This year the Grants Review Committee (GRC) welcomed a new representative from OCOB, Javier De La Fuente. The GRC members would like to recognize OCOBs Kenneth A. Griggs for more than seven years of continuous work on the committee and his many years of leadership as chair. Next year we are excited to welcome our first CAED representative in over 5 years, William Siembieda from City & Regional Planning.

2. The CSU Student Research Competition was held May 1-2, 2015, at California State University, San Bernardino. Information was sent out to all colleges fall quarter regarding nominating students from their college. The Cal Poly on-campus review of student research projects were held Saturday, February 7, 2015. Due to the well received pilot last year, this year the GRC also workshopped with the students chosen as the Cal Poly delegates on their presentations. There was a lunch for the GRC committee and students held before hand so the students can meet each other before the competition. Cal Poly sent fourteen students, both undergraduates and graduates. A number of student advisors' and Dean Wendt, Dean of Research attended the competition.

Final competitors submitted written papers and made oral presentations to juries of experts. Four Cal Poly students won prizes from among 200 students from 23 California State University campuses. Ten Cal Poly projects were presented; the Mustangs tied for the most first place awards, and were second in most awards overall. First-place winners included: Kevin Campbell, a graduate biomedical engineering student from South Lake Tahoe, and his partner Kristina Bishard, an undergraduate biomedical engineering student from Arvada, Colo., for their project on the use of a dairy protein to protect against UV-induced damage in human skin cells; Shaker Funkhouser, an undergraduate physics student from La Quinta, researched an energy extremum principle for charged black holes; and Mikaela Vournas, an undergraduate anthropology and geography student from Simi Valley, reported on the association between urbanization and dietary changes among indigenous Fijians. Mathew Thomson, a graduate economics student from Hatfield, United Kingdom, received a second-place award for his work on the impact of asset sell-offs by the Federal Reserve Bank on short-term interest rates. Also representing Cal Poly were biomedical engineering students Kristen Temnyk and Scott Herting; statistics student

Isabel Litton; biochemistry students Isabelle Noxon, Leanna Monteleone and Megan Cruz; and polymers and coatings students John Abdou and Cheyenne Liu.

3. The RFP for the Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities Grant Program was revised and vetted by the Provost and Dean's Council, and was released early winter quarter. The RFP for the Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities Grant Program was revised 1/29/2015 to include lecturers.

The RFP and rubric will be revised for 2016-2017 to address questions that were posed from faculty applicants and for additional clarity.

The Chancellor's office did not provide any funding for the RSCA awards. The Provost provided all the funds: \$250K.

More than 70 proposals were received with a cumulative ask of over \$860K in funds. The grants were reviewed late April and faculty were notified of the results and provided feedback mid-May.

4. The Academic Senate's charges for the GRC for 2014-2015 included:

- Review Bylaws to reflect revisions/changes to campus policies re: distribution of RSCA funds.
- Working draft of bylaw revision (for Spring report).
- Describe how the GRC's responsibilities differ from RSCA's?

The GRC Chair will be met with Gladys Gregory in early winter quarter to discuss proposed revisions to the bylaws, committee responsibilities, etc. and documentation that was discovered describing how the GRCs responsibilities differ from RSCAs.

The Senate Executive Board agendized the resolution 2/17/2015, and the first reading was on 3/10/2015. A second reading was held during Spring quarter and passed.

Please see the resolution and background information below: <http://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/academicsenate/1/Resolutions/2014-2015/AS-794-15.pdf>
Academic Senate, AS-794-15, Resolution On Changes In Academic Senate Grants Review Committee Membership And Responsibilities

5. Next year the Chair will work with Gladys Gregory to update the GRC webpage.