

**ACADEMIC SENATE – RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE**

Spring 2019

Due: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

| MEMBERS | |
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| CHARGES | | |
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| Charge | Complete? | Status/Notes |
| ESS Review as part of ongoing charge? | Y | The committee recommends not doing ESS review as part of the charge |

NOTES:

The committee held an e-meeting and an anonymous informational poll to see where the group stood on whether review of the ESS proposals in the winter should become a permanent part of the RSCAC yearly charge. This vote is an effort to keep the Academic Senate Chair and the Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee informed about the will of this committee and to guide the actions of the chair of this committee for next year. The vote is non-binding and can be viewed as advisory: next year’s chair can revisit the charge at the start of fall quarter and can discuss the matter with the Senate Chair. We took on the task of ESS review this last winter because an ad hoc committee couldn’t be formed in time to do that essential work.

Of six participants in the poll, 2 said “yes” while 4 said “no” to the question “Should review of the Exceptional Student Service proposals (typically in winter quarter) become a part of the Academic Senate RSCA committee’s charge?” Amongst the “yes” comments: “Essential work that was a good use of the committee’s resources and expertise.” Those opposed held stronger opinions. For example, amongst the “no” comments: “While RSCA opportunities are one form of service to students and should always be considered in the ESS process, the ESS discussions should be much broader than RSCA and so including this as part of the RSCA committee charge seems counterproductive to me. With a new VP for Research arriving next Fall, I suspect the RSCA committee will have some important and pivotal questions to ponder

in the coming years and they should not have their time clogged with additional duties peripheral to their purpose.” Another “no” comment: “It doesn't seem that the opinions of the RSCA committee matter enough in the decision-making process to warrant the time commitment.” A third “no” comment: “Based on the name of the committee, I believe the committee's task should focus on research, scholarship and creative support for faculty. Service activities should be tasked to a committee that deals with these faculty issues.”

In summary, based on the outcome of the vote and the comments, the sentiment of the current committee seems to be that the committee's charge should not include ESS review.