

**ACADEMIC SENATE – Grants Review Committee**

Spring 2018

Due: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

<b>MEMBERS</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>College/Unit</b>
Bonestroo, Alexandra	ASI
De La Fuente, Javier	OCOB
Garner, Lauren	CAFES
Greve, Adrienne	CAED
Griffin, Lanny	CENG
Hagobian, Todd	CSM
Kitts, Chris	Admin
Niell, Dawn (CH)	CLA
Scaramozzino, Jeanine	PCS

<b>CHARGES</b>		
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Complete?</b>	<b>Status/Notes</b> <small>(If not complete, provide expected completion date)</small>
Develop policies and procedures for the review of grant proposals and selection of Cal Poly student delegates to the system-wide CSU Student Research Competition.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Make the recommendations to the Dean of Research concerning the funding of other internal grants subject to review by the source of funding. <b>Spring 2018</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**NOTES:**

The CSU Student Research Competition took place on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Sacramento State University. Details of the GRC’s evaluation of Cal Poly Undergraduate Researchers were included in the Winter 2018 report.

For the 2018-19 RSCA review cycle (during May 2018), the GRC received 82 total proposals. In accordance with our guidelines, proposals were each evaluated by three reviewers, reviews were submitted electronically, and a committee meeting followed to discuss reviews and finalize funding decisions. We awarded funding to 28 proposals (breakdown by college follows). The total amount awarded was \$409,130.

Breakdown of awarded proposals by college:

CLA: 9

CENG: 5

CAED: 3

CAFES: 3

OCOB: 2

CSM: 8

Library: 1

\*Numbers add up to 31 because 3 of them had to PIs from different colleges.

The GRC maintained the revised guidelines, which were implemented for the 2016-17 review cycle, May 2016. These RSCA review guidelines require 3 reviewers for each proposal and mandate that each college receive funding for high-quality proposals up to an amount equivalent to their FTE% (e.g. CLA represents 27% of the FTE faculty and is eligible to receive up to 27% of available funding. Colleges do not always receive their maximum available funding due to number of proposals submitted or proposal quality. For example, if CLA faculty do not submit enough high-quality proposals to earn 27% of available funding, the left-over funds are re-allocated to fund proposals in other colleges in order of merit, regardless of college.

In 2018-2019, the GRC received a record number of RSCA proposals (82 proposals). Given the current review process (3 reviewers per proposal), we feel the need to establish limits on the number and frequency of proposal submissions. We are currently working to establish guidelines that both maintain the vision of RSCA by maintaining opportunities for funding, especially among new faculty, and enhance the submission of high-quality proposals. We expect to finalize these guidelines during fall 2018. An update will accompany that report.