Background Statement: The June 14, 1988 directive from the Chancellor’s Office specifies that a faculty committee which evaluates State Funded Faculty Support Grants must be elected by the faculty. This provision was negotiated with CFA. The directive did not specify that elected faculty only should serve on the committee; however, the resolution is drafted to make it an elected faculty committee. The Research Committee has the expertise and has expressed a desire to be the committee to evaluate these proposals. This will require changing the membership from appointive to elected positions.

Several concerns were expressed as this request was being discussed. They are reported here as an aid to Senate deliberation. This will create a powerful committee which evaluates all competitive grants on this campus; the operating procedures should provide assurance that the evaluation of different grants will be accomplished using distinct sets of criteria to assure that all types of proposals will have a chance of acceptance. The present practice of committee members abstaining from competition for grants during their tenure on the committee should be codified in the operating procedures as well.

An election is requested for this committee early in 1989 in order for operating procedures and criteria for evaluating State Funded Faculty Support Grants to be developed by the start of Spring Quarter. This will allow award winners a full year for completing their grants. Regular elections would put off awards until the Fall Quarter and grantees would have but six months to complete these school-year grants.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee deliberated on this proposal October 4 and October 11, 1988. The recommendation was passed with 5 positive and 1 negative vote. Members from SAED and SSM and the student representative positions were vacant at the time of voting.

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WHEREAS, The committee evaluating State Funded Faculty Support Grants must be elected; and

WHEREAS, The Research Committee has the expertise to perform this service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be amended as follows:
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VII. COMMITTEES
I. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS
5. Elections Committee
   b. Responsibilities

The Elections Committee shall be responsible for supervising and conducting the election process for membership to the Academic Senate, Research Committee, University Professional Leave Committee, Senate offices, the statewide Academic Senate, appropriate recall elections for the preceding as per Section VIII of these bylaws, and ad hoc committees created to search for such university positions as president, vice president, and school deans, and similar type administrative positions.

(2) Election of Academic Senate members, Research Committee, and University Professional Leave Committee.

(a) At the March meeting of the Senate, the committee shall announce impending vacancies in the Senate membership (according to the filled full-time equivalent faculty positions as of the first week of February, as listed by the University Personnel office), in the Research Committee, and in the University Professional Leave Committee. At the same time, each caucus shall be notified in writing of its vacancies.

(h) Whenever the normal election process fails to provide full membership or when a vacancy occurs:

(3) The appointed senator member shall serve until the next regular election end of the term of the position being filled.

(3) Election of members to the statewide Academic Senate:

The procedures and timetable for election of CSU Academic Senate members will be the same as that for the Senate, the University Professional Leave Committee, and the Research Committee, except that nomination shall be by petition of not less than ten members of the faculty and shall include a consent to serve statement signed by the nominee.
12. Research Committee
   a. Membership

   (1) A majority of the membership shall consist of elected faculty members. They shall be elected as follows:

      (a) One member shall be elected from each school and Professional Consultative Services by the probationary and tenured members of that unit.

      (b) Membership shall be for two-year terms, with the terms of service staggered between the various schools and Professional Consultative Services.

      (i) Membership for the Schools of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, and Engineering shall be for terms beginning in odd-numbered years; i.e., 1989.

      (ii) Membership for the Schools of Liberal Arts, Professional Studies and Education, Science and Mathematics, and Professional Consultative Services shall be for terms beginning in even-numbered years; i.e., 1990.

   (2) The ex officio members of the Research Committee shall be the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research, and Faculty Development or his/her designee, an instructional dean or his/her designee, the Vice President for Business Affairs or his/her designee, the Foundation Executive Director or his/her designee, and an ASI representative. The representative of the instructional deans shall be appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs for a two-year repeatable term. Ex officio members shall be nonvoting members of this committee.
The chair of the Research Committee shall be elected from the elected faculty members of the committee.

No member of the Research Committee is eligible to apply for any grant, leave, or award program administered by the committee, while serving on the committee.

B. Responsibilities

The Research Committee shall:

Develop and recommend policies and procedures for the Research Committee, and for the administration of the State Funded Faculty Support Grants, to the President through the Academic Senate.

Solicit, receive, and evaluate requests for State Funded Faculty Support Grants and make recommendations for funding, when appropriate, to the President through the Academic Senate.

Evaluate requests.

This section (VII.1.12.c) becomes obsolete and will be stricken from these bylaws June 30, 1989.

Election for the Research Committee shall be held early in Winter Quarter 1989.


The committee shall develop detailed operating procedures and criteria for evaluating State Funded Faculty Support Grants to be approved by the Senate before March 17, 1989.

The committee shall develop criteria for evaluating CARE proposals in the 1989-90 school year to be approved by the Senate before June 8, 1989.

The newly elected Research Committee members shall be seated as replacements for the existing Research Committee members immediately upon all parties
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(appointed and elected members of the committee) being notified of the results of the election.

(6) The University Professional Leave Committee's responsibility for the State Funded Faculty Support Grants shall be terminated with the adoption of these amendments.

Proposed by the
Constitution and Bylaws Committee
November 1, 1988
Revised January 17, 1989
Revised January 31, 1989
On February 15 I acknowledged receipt of the subject resolution and indicated that I was forwarding it to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for review and comment. The University administration is appreciative of the swift action of the Academic Senate to make the Research Committee an elected committee so that it could review State Faculty Support Grant proposals. I am supportive of the resolution adopted by the Senate and am approving it. In doing so, however, I would point out that a concern has been expressed about section C, which calls for a committee election early in the Winter Quarter and a revision of the procedures and criteria for evaluating State Faculty Support Grants by March 17.

I recognize that at the President's Council meeting on Monday you indicated that the elected Research Committee would be announced on Wednesday, March 8. However, it may be difficult for the committee to meet and revise the guidelines by March 17. The Senate may wish to consider delaying implementation of that portion of the bylaws.

Once again, please express to the Senate my appreciation for its responsive action on this issue.