

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE

Research Council of the University Handbook Language

RES 151604

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RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate recommend to the President that Section 308.4 of the University Handbook be amended to include the following changes to Research Council of the University (deletions in strikethrough, additions in bold underline).

RATIONALE: The Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs has requested revisions to clarify roles and to allow improved functioning of the Research Council. The Faculty Affairs Committee believes the proposed revisions will achieve those ends.

Distribution

List: President

Provost & Vice-president for Academic Affairs

Associate Vice-president for Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs

Deans

Department Chairs

General Faculty

Membership

The RCU shall have the following membership:

~~Dean, Graduate Studies and Research~~ **Associate Vice-president for Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs** (chair, **ex-officio, non-voting**)

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (**ex-officio**, non-voting)

Four, tenured or tenure-track faculty, one each elected from and by the faculty of the School of

Arts and Humanities, School of Business and Public Administration, School of Natural Sciences,

Mathematics and Engineering, and the School of Social Sciences and Education.

A pool of potential alternates for the four tenured or tenure-track faculty members, selected from recipients of RCU awards from ~~the past two~~ **previous** award cycles, to serve in the place of the elected tenured or tenure-track faculty elected by the members of their respective schools.

One librarian, elected by the librarians.

One emeritus faculty member, appointed by the Associate Vice-president for Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs

~~One upper division or postbaccalaureate student, selected by the Associated Students~~

Terms

The faculty members from the four schools shall serve staggered two-year terms, with two individuals elected during even numbered academic years (e.g., AY 2012-13) and two individuals elected during odd numbered academic years (e.g., AY 2013-14). ~~The student member will serve a one-year term.~~ **The librarian shall be elected in even-numbered academic years, and the emeritus faculty members appointed in odd-numbered academic years, except the initial selection may be for a one-year term to allow eventual staggering of terms.** A member may serve consecutive terms. RCU members may be applicants for an award during their terms of service. RCU applicants must recuse themselves from all deliberations over and ranking of their proposals. In such cases, the remaining committee members will select an appropriate replacement from the pool of alternates defined above, preferably from the same school as the recused member.

Approved by the Academic Senate on October 22, 2015

Sent to the President for approval on October 30, 2015

Approved by the President on December 17, 2015