



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

RE: The number of awards a faculty member is allowed to receive in PS 19-03: POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR SUPPORTING RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY and CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Senate Executive Committee unanimously voted at its meeting of February 4, 2020 to interpret the intent of Policy 19-03: Policy for Supporting Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity as follows. Section 3.2 of the RSCA policy, on types of awards, states: “Awards may be used for reassigned time, faculty small grants, or a combination of both equivalent to the Vacant Rate for up to 6 WTU per academic year.”

Though this sentence may appear to conflict with the statement that “a faculty member is allowed to receive only one award” (the first sentence of section 3.0), “Awards” in section 3.2 is meant to refer in aggregate to situations in which a committee grants to a faculty member a single award equivalent to 4-6 WTU of reassigned time. In this special case, portions of the 4-6 WTU may be taken as reassigned time and portions may be taken as a monetary award to facilitate RSCA activities.

RSCA awards in excess of 3 WTU are a new feature of policy 19-03, and were the source of much debate in Academic Senate. The Academic Senate Executive Board anticipates that such awards will be limited due to the “additional justification” required in the application for such awards (see 3.2) and because of limited funding within colleges.

Relevant policy sections:

3.0 TYPES OF AWARDS

3.0 A faculty member is allowed to receive only one award—a summer stipend, a mini-grant, reassigned time, or a faculty small grant—in a given year under this policy. The deadline for RSCA awards and faculty small grants will be set by the college.

3.2.1 (paragraph 3):

Awards may be used for reassigned time, faculty small grants, or a combination of both equivalent to the Vacant Rate for up to 6 WTU per academic year. Applications for more than 3 WTU require additional justification in the application. Should more than 3 WTU of reassigned time be awarded, the awardee can choose to take the reassigned time all in one semester or distribute the reassigned time over two semesters.

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