

1995-96
ACADEMIC SENATE
California State University, Sacramento

AGENDA ADDENDUM
Thursday, October 12, 1995
Forest Suite, University Union
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Carried

AS 95-68/Ex. VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM (supersedes AS 89-102)

For Fall 1995 up to one-half of the funds allocated to the Visiting Scholars Program for 1995-96 shall be used to support requests meeting criteria as defined in previous cycles. Beginning January 1996, the Visiting Scholars Program will operate using the criteria recommended by the Executive Committee's ad hoc Group on Visiting Scholars (see Attachment). The ad hoc Group on Visiting Scholars shall be delegated responsibility for reviewing and approving proposals for 1995-96, but in subsequent years responsibility for the program shall be delegated to the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Academic Senate Faculty Policies Committee shall determine the faculty group delegated responsibility for reviewing and approving proposals.

Executive Committee's ad hoc Group on Visiting Scholars: Chris Miller, Jerry Tobey, Dan Orey, Ric Brown, Tom Kando, Geri Welch, and Sylvia Navari

The ad hoc group on Visiting Scholars met on Tuesday, October 3, 3:30-4:30 in Sac 275.

The group acknowledged and discussed several of the problems associated with this program:

- *visiting scholars come at the request of an individual faculty member
- *departments acknowledged as "host" are not always aware they are hosting
- *lack of attendance (or minimal attendance) for visitng scholars' lectures was viewed as a problem by some members, but by others that at least a few faculty "got something"
- *this is not a "faculty development" activity per se--it is for "various segments" of the university
- *visiting scholars has become a "travel fund" to bring people here
- *visiting scholars is used to supplement other monies (people are scheduled to come, and will come, regardless of V.S. money being given

Procedural Criteria:

- a. The group identified the following "ideas" as program objectives:
 - *achieve better attendance from broad spectrum of faculty
 - *not be so discipline specific--be interdisciplinary
 - *require "funding" to go to schools or several departments working together
 - *try to build in a component that recognizes our own faculty
- b. Recommendation for RFP's:
 - *provide a maximum of \$5,000 each semester for a school or combination of departments to put on a V.S. program for the univ. community
 - *request proposal from schools/units that address the following question:
"What's New In _____"
 - *proposed program to meet the following criteria:
 - *is cutting edge, interdisciplinary, combines scholarly work of CSUS faculty with a Visiting Scholar

This would allow for a least 2 programs/year, attempt to insure broader exposure to any visiting scholar, and provide opportunity for our own faculty to engage in some scholarly work with a visitng scholar (even if it is to debate him/her or give a joint lecture). With this amount of \$ a school or combination of departments would be encouraged to do a more structured/formal program that ought to be a bit bigger "to do" than is currently the case.

The committee suggested, since about 15 people who routinely use the Visiting Scholars program \$ have submitted proposals (unsolicited), that this ad hoc group "fund" up to a maximum of \$5,000 for this semester (using the old criteria). And that the remaining \$5,000 be put out for "bid" for next semester in accordance with the above recommendation.