TO: Executive Committee, CSUEB Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Research (CR), CSUEB Academic Senate
SUBJECT: 14-15 CR 5: Response to 13-14 BAS 4 Charge to update 13-14 CR 1 Revised

ACTION REQUESTED
To provide information to the academic senate in response to 13-14 BAS 4 Charge to update 13-14 CR 1 Revised.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

13-14 CR 1 Revised was shared with the Academic Senate on April 8, 2014. This document provides an overview of the 2011 Research Strategic Task Force Recommendations, the Provost’s report on progress related to these recommendations, and CR’s response to this progress. The Academic Senate charged the 14-15 CR with providing an update to 13-14 CR 1 Revised.

The Provost and Office of Academic Affairs provided a written and oral update on progress related to the 2011 Research Strategic Task Force recommendations at the CR meeting on February 12, 2015. CR appreciates the progress that has been made, including:

- Expanded faculty support grant opportunities
- Increased staffing and reorganization of ORSP
- Emerging improvements in pre- and post-award support and communication
- Efforts to solicit feedback from PIs (e.g. PI Quarterly meetings)
- Update of the ORSP website, including the PI Manual

Given that so much has changed at the university over the past four years (i.e. many new faculty hires, transition of CSUEB Foundation grants administration to ORSP, and statewide recovery from the recession), CR recommends that, rather than continue to update the 2011 strategic task force report, we focus on:

- Strategic planning for research, particularly as we approach the quarter to semester conversion, and fiscal planning for supporting research, including use of indirect costs
- Engagement of faculty, students, and staff in fostering a highly collaborative and supportive research community at CSUEB
- Successful appointment of a permanent administrator responsible for research
- Continued efforts to streamline post-grant award processing
- Strategies to address faculty concerns regarding lack of time and resources for research
- Alignment of college and department RTP practices with current senate policies regarding research and other scholarly activities