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TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Mitchell Watnik, Academic Senate Chairperson (2013-14)

SUBJECT: 13-14 BC 4: Amendment to CSUEB Bylaws regarding CR procedure and the Centers and Institutes Policies and Procedures document

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:

That the Senate send the proposed changes to the Bylaws of the University Faculty to the faculty for a vote of approval in place of 12-13 CR 3 revised and amended. Additionally, the Senate is asked to interpret the current Article XVII, Section 4, A, 3, d as specified in 11-12 CR 2 amended unless the faculty rejects the proposed changes herein.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Committee on Research has a policy on the approval of centers and institutes (11-12 CR 2 revised). However, this policy does not conform to the Faculty Bylaws (Article XVII, Section 4, A, 3, d). 12-13 CR 3 revised and amended proposed an amendment that did not completely state the policy. Furthermore, this proposal may hamper the Senate's ability to revise the policies and procedures regarding centers and institutes in the future. The Chair believes that the language below provides the Senate and the Committee on Research needed flexibility, while not bogging the Bylaws down with routing of proposals.

The Centers and Institutes Policies and Procedures (11-12 CR 2 revised) read:

SECTION D: APPROVAL PROCESS

4. **The proposal is reviewed by the Executive Committee** of the Academic Senate and either referred back to the Committee on Research or **referred to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and placed as an information item on the agenda for the Academic Senate.**

Currently, the CSUEB Bylaws read:

ARTICLE XVII: THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY, SECTION 4: COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (CR)

A. Duties of the Committee

3) to make recommendations

- a. to the Academic Senate on general policies and procedures concerning research activities, facilities and support at the University;
- b. to the Academic Senate on general policies and procedures concerning inter-university research consortia;
- c. to the University and the CSUEB Foundation regarding allocation of research monies to be made to those awarded Grants by the Committee; and
- d. **to the Academic Senate** regarding proposals for new Organized research units (ORUs) such as Centers and Institutes

The proposal in 12-13 CR 3 revised and amended reads:

- d. to the **Executive Committee** regarding proposals for new **centers and institutes**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FACULTY BYLAWS:

The Chair recommends the following amendments to Article XVII, Section 4 of the CSUEB Bylaws:

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- c. to the University and the CSUEB Foundation regarding allocation of research monies to be made to those awarded **grants** by the Committee; and
- d. **regarding proposals for new centers and institutes in a manner corresponding to policies approved by the Academic Senate and the President.**