

## **Rules & Jurisdiction Committee**

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### **RJC Community Service Project Outline**

#### **Introduction**

In the 2017-2018 academic year, members of the Rules & Jurisdiction Committee (RJC) explored using a portion of the Senate's Chancellor's Funds to re-establish the UCSF Community Service Week and similarly, the creation of a new individual faculty funding pathway for community service activities.

This discussion emerged organically among committee members who acknowledged the multiple natural disasters in the country, including the Northern California fires, and wanting to contribute to their community more.

The small awards for individual faculty (\$500) or departmental awards (\$1000) were offered last year. Due to ongoing discussions with the Office of Legal Affairs, the actual awards opportunity wasn't offered until April 2018 – national Volunteering Month—rather than included in the Call for Nominations for all other Senate's Chancellor's Funds in January 2018. This significantly reduced the number of applications received.

The Committee wasn't intending on relaunching this award this year, assuming there was little to no interest. However with the recent Camp Fire and the mention of staff volunteering opportunities by Chancellor Hawgood in his State of the University Address, the Senate Office has been receiving inquiries about faculty volunteering opportunities.

This is because in the online language about staff volunteering opportunities, Wellness & Community Department has included a sentence that if faculty are interested in similar opportunities, they should contact the Academic Senate Office.

As such, members of the RJC are proposing a small amount be allocated to the committee to explore for one more year this pilot program.

#### **RJC Community Service Project Plan**

This project has two different components:

1. Ongoing advocating for the re-establishment of the UCSF Community Service Week
  - a. Due diligence has revealed that this previously existed at UCSF, with faculty and staff being approved to participate during that week in a single-day of community service-related activities, upon approval from Department or Division Chief, or supervisor;
    - i. RJC would encourage this to be for faculty only at this stage;
    - ii. Preliminary discussion and research has revealed support for this at a campuswide level.
2. Offering small faculty grants to reimburse for community activity participation:

- a. These ideally would be group or team activities;
- b. Reimbursement might be for gas or mileage, or for items related to the activities such as garbage bags for those participating in beach clean-up days.

### **Financial Breakdown**

Members of the Rules & Jurisdiction Committee are requesting a total of \$5,000 from this year's Chancellor's Funds. Received funds will be divided in this manner:

- Funds would be used to support faculty who wish to participate either with UCSF-sponsored or local community activities in the immediate academic year, RJC members propose offering small grants to reimburse for sundries and other costs related to such activities;
  - Small grants are proposed to a maximum of \$500 (individual faculty) or up to \$1000 (departmental awards).
  - Any funds not used up will be returned to the Academic Senate Office, to be put towards another current academic year funding pathway.

We appreciate your consideration at this time. RJC members look forward to updating the Executive Council and the Senate Office on the outcome of the Open Proposal process.

Information related to this award opportunity is already on the Senate website since last spring. Language on the website has been approved by Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

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