



TO: Provost Emily Cutrer
CC: AVP Research Gerardo González
Janet McDaniel, Chair of the Academic Senate
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
FROM: Student Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate (SAC)
RE: Lottery Grant
DATE: February 2, 2009

SAC appreciates the time you spent explaining the funding issues that complicate the Academic Senate Lottery Grant cycle for AYs 08-09 and 09-10. We have thought carefully about the questions you raised and share your concern to avoid inviting faculty to expend time and energy preparing grant proposals whose potential to be funded will be provisional at best, regardless of merit. SAC has had extended discussions, both internally and with campus constituents, about the problem and the most sensible and ethical ways to address it.

SAC believes that there is no way to run the Lottery Grant cycle in this academic year without putting faculty in the position of expending time and effort preparing proposals and then, if they are awarded grants, having to decide whether or not to spend more time and money that may never be reimbursed, given the extreme tenuousness of Lottery funds to Cal State San Marcos in AY 09-10. We have considered a number of possible ways to retain SAC's stewardship of any funds that may actually reach campus and fulfill our charge of making sure that use of funds not only maintains the state Lottery Act's emphasis on improving student instruction, but also furthers our campus guidelines for the Lottery Grant proposals, including a focus on innovative, pilot-type projects to meet unmet needs in student instruction.

We believe that the best way to maintain the tradition of the Lottery Grant is for any incoming funds for the Lottery grant to be allocated proportionally following the percentages in the approved Resolution on Lottery Grant Funding Allocation at Cal State San Marcos, Senate Item SAC 323-07, to all campus units listed on our current lottery grant model: the three colleges; the school of Nursing; First-year programs; IITS; the Library; and Student Affairs. SAC will need reports from all units who receive funds on how the funds were used, and ideally, we would like some oversight in the form of advance requests/plans that SAC could approve using the state and local Lottery guidelines. Further, we would like to stipulate that this revised Lottery process would only apply to this AY's call for Lottery Grant proposals. In Fall 09, SAC would revisit and reevaluate the situation. SAC will consult with the Executive Committee of the Senate about any policy implications of changes to the process described in the Resolution on Lottery Grant Funding Allocation.

We thank you and Dean González for your help with this matter and look forward to further discussion. In the meantime, we would like to make sure that the campus community is aware in a timely way if there will be no Lottery call, so there is a chance for faculty and staff to seek alternate funding sources for projects that they might have submitted to the Lottery Grant.

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