**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

**UNIVERSITY RESOURCES COUNCIL (URC)**

**April 19, 2011**

**Meeting #12**

**BROTMAN HALL 302**

**1:00PM – 3:00PM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:06pm with the following people present:

Officers: Praveen Soni, Chair, Paul Ratanasiripong, Vice-Chair, Sharon Guthrie, Secretary

Members: Terie Bostic, Carol Perruso-Brown, Paul Buonora, Ali Chu, David Dowell, Craig Fleming, Dee Green, Doug Harris, Marianne Hata, David Hood, Ted Kadowaki, Patricia Kearney, Jin Kim, Mike Losquadro, Aubry Mintz, Bill Moore, Bob Rodgers, Ann Sandoval, Kathy Skara, Maria Slaughter, Jalal Torabzadeh

Excused: Rosario Yeung-Linquist, Ann Johnson, Jean Houck

Guests: President Alexander, AVP David Salazar, Director Susan Brown

1. The agenda of the meeting was approved.
2. The minutes of April 5, 2011 meeting were approved.
3. Announcements
	1. Ted Kadowaki
		1. Information regarding the budget remains in a holding pattern.
		2. Campus administrators are in the final draft stages of the second Budget Road Show
			1. Will be gaining feedback from the Academic Senate Executive Committee.
	2. Dave Dowell
		1. Likely that the campus will admit no students in Spring 2012
		2. Fall 2011 enrollments will likely be higher than in the recent past.
4. Special Orders
	1. Report and update on Campus Capital Improvement Projects: Associate Vice President David Salazar and Director, Susan Brown – Time certain 1:10pm
	2. Report and update on Campus Sustainability plans and actions: Associate Vice President David Salazar and Susan Brown
	3. Campus conceptual landscape plan: Associate Vice President David Salazar and Susan Brown
		1. 5-year Capital Plan
			1. Plans have remained static due to budget; infrastructure enhancements will continue to be a priority, however.
			2. Petersen Halls 1 and 2 are also a priority.
			3. The campus has been fortunate with funding despite the difficult budget climate.
			4. LA 2, 3, 4 buildings will be renovated (this is an amendment to the original plan); all classrooms within the buildings will be smart classrooms. Efforts are being made to enhance the buildings, including technological improvements. Approximately $10 million for the project. Refurbishing will begin during Spring 2012, and end in Spring 2013. Once these buildings have smart room technology, the smart room enhancement of all university classrooms will be completed. There are, however, some department sole use (DSU) classrooms that have not been made smart classrooms.
		2. Landscape Master Plan: currently working with the architects; two initiatives in place
			1. Sustainability—broadly conceptualized: not just buildings, plants, and trees; but all aspects of the landscape and hardscape.

Presented conceptual plan to Campus Planning Committee; development of an implementation plan will follow.

Campus will be hosting a sustainability conference: California Higher Education Sustainability Conference. Salazar encouraged URC members to attend.

Examining the development of an eco-corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Funds for these projects come from state appropriations.

* 1. Update from President Alexander – Time certain 2:15pm
		1. We are amidst a very unpredictable environment.
		2. Democrats are not likely to go for an “all cuts” budget.
		3. Possibility of a vote for temporary tax extensions for a 2-3 month period, as opposed to a tax increase.
		4. The Governor will travel throughout the state to educate people about all cuts budgeting and the impact of such.
		5. The President believes we may have a budget in September or October, but may be contingent on whether we get tax extensions.
		6. If the “all cuts” budget goes into effect, there will likely be discussions about fee increases, staff/faculty furloughs, etc.
		7. If the tax extension vote goes forward, the President hopes that it will be in September/October as opposed to June, as it enhances the likelihood of a stronger voter campaign and provides time to educate people about the issues and their impacts on higher education.
1. Old Business
	1. Independent URC discussion on the data on Staff and Faculty Human Resources provided by Associate Vice President Scott Apel at the last meeting.
		1. Concern was expressed about the snapshot of salaries information, which was disseminated at the April 5, 2011 meeting, suggesting that during difficult budget times, both total numbers and total salaries of faculty and staff have declined between October 2008 and October 2010, while both total numbers and total salaries of MPPs have increased over the same time period.
			1. A recommendation was made for URC to develop a resolution regarding this concern.
				1. For example, during difficult budget periods, overall MPP numbers and compensation should not be increased and net salaries for MPP positions should remain consistent when someone is hired to fill a vacancy.
2. New Business
	1. Independent URC discussion on Campus Capital Improvement Projects, Campus Sustainability plans and actions, and Campus conceptual landscape plan
		1. Question regarding whether capital projects are placing pressure on the overall campus operating budget, especially in relation to the new buildings.
			1. Chair Soni will request clarification from Salazar and/or Sue Brown regarding the aforementioned question.
		2. Question about whether there is a plan to deal with skateboard problems (e.g., damage to cement benches from skateboarding, and lack of policy on how to classify skateboarding). There was a request that Physical Planning take seriously the growing problem of skateboarders and perhaps develop a policy in that regard.
		3. Question about the specific classroom standards mentioned by Sue Brown.
			1. Chair Soni will request this information.
	2. Proposal for Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy; Dean Kenneth Millar, Associate Dean Sue Stanley, Department Chair, Kay Cerny (Time Certain: 2:35pm)—First Reading
		1. The proposal was moved and seconded.
		2. Dean Millar summarized the proposal and the associated budget. The budget was still preliminary, and additional work is required to finalize it. A better picture will emerge by the next URC meeting.
		3. Kay Cerny responded to various questions posed by URC members.
3. Open Discussion – Costs and operations of the University (no time permitting)
4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Guthrie