

University Resources Council Minutes (Approved) – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (7<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Virtual meeting link : <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/85433624380>

**Members in Attendance (25)**

Cyndi Farrington; Diane Hayashino; Araceli Gonzalez; Ben Huff; Chris Miller; Ju Cheol Moon; Will Murray; Sara Nourazari; Hema Ramachandra; Rene Trevino; Sam Vickovic; Suzanne Perlitsh Wechsler; Iris Zhang

ASM: Chanel Acker (COTA); Terie Bostic (CLA); Dee Dee Green (COE); Carrie Hernandez (CED); Noah Kelly (Library); Henry Wu (CNSM)

Kara Perkins (AVP Budget & University Svcs); Marianne Hata (AVP Academic Resources); Claudia Piazza (AVP SS)

Praveen Soni (Chair); Dave Whitney (Vice-Chair), Pitiporn Asvapathanagul (Secretary)

**Guests in Attendance (16)**

Mehrdad Aliasgari; Ass. Dean Praveen Shankar; Nancy Hall; Henry O’Lawrence; Ass. Dean Tiffanye Varga; Jeremy Ramirez; Kamiar Alaei; Brian Kwan; Virginia Gray; Michelle Barrack; Rachel Blaine; Ruth Piker; Estella Chizhik; Ass. Dean Laura Portnoi; Sabine Reddy; Rod Smith; Rebecca Bustamante

1:03PM	<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Praveen
1:03PM	<b>1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of February 6, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The February 6, 2024 URC agenda is moved, seconded and approved.</li> </ul>	Will moved/ Dave second  Approved.
1:04PM	<b>2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of December 5, 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The December 5, 2023 minutes is moved, seconded and approved.</li> </ul>	Will moved/ Cyndi&Hema seconded.  Approved.
1:05PM	<b>3. Proposed discontinuation of the MS in Computer Science – Option in Computer Engineering, First Reading.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will moves and Sara seconds to review the proposal.</li> <li>Due to low demand of this Option, the last cohort has 2 students in the Option in Fall 2022. Both students are graduating this semester. Therefore, no impacts to students (Chair Aliasgari).</li> <li>In addition, due to EO1071 if this Option needs to be kept, the elevation proposal is required. COE decides to discontinue after considering low tens applications in this Option compared to 3500+ in MS Computer Science (Associate Dean Shankar).</li> </ul>	Chair Mehrdad Aliasgari & Ass. Dean Praveen Shankar
1:11PM	<b>4. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Applied Data Science, First Reading.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam moves and Hema seconds to review the proposal.</li> <li>A math course is incorporated in this new BS in Applied Data Science after Summer 2023 discussion between CSNM and COE. Moreover, 2 new cross-listed courses are needed in this program. A total of new 8 courses will be developed, including 2 electives.</li> <li>The new B.S. in Applied Data Science is also working with College of Business for future track.</li> <li>Students will select their track to exercise their skills and learn more knowledge in real world applications at a specific area. Currently, the developed tracks are with Linguistics and Health Analytic. In the future, a tentative collaboration with the department of geography will be planned.</li> <li>CEPC approved this new program in November 2023.</li> <li>All letters of support for this program are included for URC review.</li> </ul>	Chair Mehrdad Aliasgari, Ass. Dean Praveen Shankar & Chair Nancy Hall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new program encourages underrepresented groups to participate and access the new Applied Data Science Program.</li> <li>• Linguistics is excited about this opportunity due to high demand, especially increasing CHAT GPT uses (Nancy Hall).</li> <li>• COE supports two T/TT searches in the future to support this program. There will not be major concerns about increasing enrollment in COE and the department of CECS because most Computer Science students will switch Applied Data Science instead.</li> <li>• Advising of Computer Science and Data Science will be the same unit/service. (Ass. Dean Shankar).</li> <li>• The Math &amp; Statistics department supports this new program after extensive consultation between Deans of both colleges (Will Murray).</li> <li>• After students select the track, the advising will be handled by each track department. Nancy shares that Department of Linguistics advising center can handle the advising for this new program.</li> </ul>	
1:27PM	<p><b>5. Proposed New Option in Risk Management under the BS in Health Care Administration, <u>First Reading</u>.</b></p> <p><b>6. Proposed New Option in Data Analytics under the BS in Health Care Administration, <u>First Reading</u>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will moves and Suzanne seconds to review the proposals.</li> <li>• The presentation of two proposed options is presented during the meeting.</li> <li>• Both new Options are needed to tactic grant challenges and future ready (Beach2030).</li> <li>• The Option in Health Care Data Analytics will transform health Care with data-driven insights. The Option in Risk Management is essential for patient and professional safety.</li> <li>• 6 new electives are required for Option in Risk Management and 4 new electives are required for Option in Data Analytics. More electives in Data Analytics will be added in the future (Jeremy).</li> <li>• No additional library resources are required beyond the CSU library system.</li> <li>• Fundamental academic technology &amp; specialized materials are required, which many are provided by campus or free accessible to students.</li> <li>• No additional space and facilities required for the next five years. The Options are housed in the department of Health Care Management. CHHS labs, support services and spaces across the campus, including computer labs and study spaces utilized.</li> <li>• Initial enrollment per Option is 25, and 75 between 3-5 years.</li> <li>• There are six faculty in both Options now.</li> <li>• There are two T/TT searches for each Option this year.</li> <li>• Praveen asks about overlapping of proposal #4 and this new Option proposal (#6). There is a space for overlap and potential synergies. The faculty are exploring between departments across our campus that would create a more holistic educational experience and better prepare our students for the multifaceted challenges in these fields (Jeremy).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair Henry O’Lawrence, Asso. Dean Tiffanye Vargas &amp; Jeremy Ramirez</b></p>
1:47PM	<p><b>7. Proposed new Certificate in Public Health Informatic and Technology, <u>First Reading</u>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will moves and Suzanne seconds to review the proposal.</li> <li>• Public Health Informatics &amp; Technology (PHIT) Workforce Development Program is a \$10.2 federal grant (USDHHS) awarded to CSULB.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair Kamiar Alaei &amp; Asso. Dean Tiffanye Vargas</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCPHIT goals are to reduce health disparities and inequities and enhance curriculum to create PHIT workforce development.</li> <li>• Core PHIT courses: PHIT-A, Intro to Public Health Informatics and Technology (lower division course; CSU and UC transferable); PHIT-B, The role of Data in Public Health Informatics (Upper division); PHIT-C, Emerging Technologies for Public Health (Upper Division), and PHIT-D: Public Health Maps and Spatial Analysis for Health Equity.</li> <li>• This proposal is a product of this PHIT grant.</li> <li>• No skills or major specific background needed.</li> <li>• This Certificate supports only undergraduate students.</li> <li>• With the PHIT grant, funds and collaborations are fully established (Community College and UC Berkely). One T/TT has been hired by PHIT. There is one open search for this Certificate now.</li> <li>• Sara is also one of the key founders.</li> <li>• Suzanne, Geography Department, can collaborate with this new certificate.</li> </ul>	
1:55PM	<p><b>8. Proposed Master of Science in Applied Nutrition and Dietetics, <u>First Reading</u>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam moves and Chris seconds to review the proposal.</li> <li>• This is not a brand-new program. However, after audition/accreditation, this proposal is only rearranging.</li> <li>• The new program will replace 2 other programs (DPD and MSDI).</li> <li>• Currently, there are 60 undergraduates and only 12 in MS program, which needs DICAS (computer matching) for applications and selections (bottleneck).</li> <li>• The new project will require only undergraduate prerequisites and students are eligible for a new MS in applied nutrition and dietetics program. This will allow graduates from other majors.</li> <li>• Only 3 new courses are needed for this program, and this does not burden faculty.</li> <li>• The new program is developed using Learn &amp; Do approach, which follows Beach 2030.</li> <li>• The department has enough lecturers to cover new classes (Michelle Barrack).</li> <li>• The faculty has been working on this new program for a long time with a lot of research work done. Faculty will be moved around (shift in resources) to minimize the additional resources needed (Asso. Dean Tiffanye Vargas).</li> <li>• No additional resources are needed for the library. The faculty will work with existing internship sites and can expand to additional sites for students who participate in the second year.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Virginia Gray, Michelle Barrack, Rachel Blaine &amp; Asso. Dean Tiffanye Vargas</b></p>
2:14PM	<p><b>9. Proposed College of Education Credential – PK3 Early Child Education, <u>First Reading</u>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will moves and Suzanne seconds to review the proposal.</li> <li>• State creates universal pre-school transition and asks University with higher education to offer the program that meets the need.</li> <li>• Legislation requires multiple subjects’ credential (~24 units of child development credits).</li> <li>• By 2025-2026, 12,000 new PK3 teachers need to obtain this credential.</li> <li>• Currently, we expect the demand ~ a dozen. CSULB receives demand from community colleges.</li> <li>• No additional resources needed until the next T/TT search or hiring in the future. CED has one full-time lecturer in this credential. CED has donation to support this credential (Asso. Dean Portnoi).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ruth Piker; Estella Chizhik; Rebecca Bustamante &amp; Asso. Dean Laura Portnoi</b></p>

2:26PM	<p><b>10. Proposal to discontinue the MS in Supply Chain Management through CPaCE, <u>First Reading.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will moves and Sam seconds to review the proposal.</li> <li>• This program started around 2013-2014.</li> <li>• The last cohort was in 2019, and only 9 applications were received. Five out of nine accepted the offer and all graduated.</li> <li>• Since then, the program has been suspended, and the program has become economically non-viable.</li> <li>• USC offers the same program without a lot of cost difference.</li> <li>• There is no demand to shift this M.S. to State side support.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rod Smith &amp; Ass. Dean Sabine Reddy</b></p>
2:31PM	<p><b>11. State, CSU and CSULB Budget Update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Jan 10, 2024 the Governor budget came out.</li> <li>• LAO estimated shortfall/deficit of \$68B based on Oct 2023 tax receipts.</li> <li>• DOF/Governor estimated shortfall/deficit of \$37.8B (estimated per Dec 2023 tax).</li> <li>• Both are estimates and represent slower growth than previously anticipated, but do not mean the state is collecting less revenue year over year – Just not as much as previously predicted to meet planned spending.</li> <li>• Governor’s proposed solutions are \$18.8B with budget resilience (reserves/revenue/borrowing); \$11.9B with belt tightening/stretching dollars (reduction/fund shifts), and \$7.2B with delays/deferrals (this includes UC and CSU compacts).</li> <li>• For CSU, the compact funded for 2024-2025 will be paid in July 2025 for \$240M.</li> <li>• Per July 1, 2025, the State would owe CSU: \$240M in one-time money to pay back what we borrow to cover the compact for 1 year, \$240M in base budget for 2024-2025 compact &amp; \$252M in base budget for 2025-2026 compact.</li> <li>• Yet, depended on State fiscal stability.</li> <li>• CSU current planning will assume the \$240M will be given to CSU with more to come in two weeks.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AVP Kara Perkins</b></p>
2:57PM	<p><b>12. Adjourn</b></p>	