

University Resources Council

Minutes

September 16, 2025, 1:00 pm

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Members in Attendance: Samantha Valdez, Dianne Hayashino, Sharon Teng, Sam Vickovic, Eileen Klink, Rene Trevino, Dave Whitney (Chair), Josh Chesler, Jesse Dillon, Pitiporn Asvapathanagul (Vice-Chair), Ben Huff, Gabriel Gardner (Recorder), Cyndi Farrington, Shelley Chang, Melissa Mata, Staci Freeman, Terie Bostic, Gracie Cole, Claudia Plaza, Noah Kelly, Kara Perkins, Carrie Hernandez, Araceli Gonzalez

Guests (5): Tracey Richardson, Barbara Taylor, Vikki Bisorca, Elizabeth Dill, Alexis Pavenick

13:04 Call to order

13:04 Approval of the agenda – Meeting of September 16, 2025

- Moved by Jesse seconded by Pitiporn; approved

13:05 Approval of the minutes of September 2, 2025

- Moved by Sam seconded by Shelly; approved
- Note: minutes will not be distributed in paper after this meeting. They will be posted to Canvas.

13:09 Election of URC Secretary

- Sam V. self-nominated; approved

13:10 Presentation on Research Foundation resources and financial information of inflows, outflows, costs, etc. by Chief Operating Officer Tracey Richardson

- PowerPoint available on Canvas.
- Overview: CSULB Research Foundation Guiding Principles, Organization Chart, Organization Overview, Governance, Services, Sources of Funding, Research Foundation Revenue and Expenses (FY24/25 unaudited Revenue \$62,346,584, unaudited Expenses \$59,780,432), Campus Employment (FY24/25: 1776), Financial Support to the Campus (FY24/25 \$230,000 awarded to 23 faculty), KKJZ Radio Station, Key Contacts
- Q&A
 - o Question from Josh: What is the purpose of having research foundation as a separate entity? Answer: various legal, accounting, tax differences in treatment, and liability. It is a way for CSULB to do state-related things but not use state money. (E.g. real estate.)

- Question from Jesse: Where are we in planning for the anticipated decrease in Federal overhead? Answer: The research foundation has a cushion due to past investments; however, this cushion will only last comfortably for ~2 years.
- Question from Dave: Has the Foundation itself invested in infrastructure spending to support labs and such? Answer: No, not directly at least in my brief tenure.

13:35 Presentation on Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) by Interim AVP for Research Barbara Taylor

- PowerPoint available on Canvas.
- Overview:
 - Federal funding: 16 grants terminated, loss of \$3,246,879 direct spending, \$945,529 of F&A lost, anticipated cancellation of Department of Ed. Title III and Title V funding.
 - Federal vs. Non-federal funding: five-year trends are for decreasing total federal awards and increasing non-federal awards
 - Proposal Submissions: ten-year trends, funds requested and PIs flat, proposals submitted noisy
 - Grants Awarded: ten-year trends, grants awarded and number of PIs awarded flat, total funds awarded noisy
 - Direct & Indirect Expenditures: ten-year trend, direct expenditures and F&A revenue increasing, average F&A rate flat
 - F&A Distribution 2021-2025: 46% to Research Foundation, 27% to Colleges, 27% to ORED Salaries, remainder ORED operating budget.
 - Internal awards: ORSP Internal/Multidisciplinary Grants, Open-Access Publishing Awards
 - Financial Accountability in Research (FAIR): directive from Congress to create an auditable and transparent reimbursement process; this language is included in budget legislation that has not yet passed, but is anticipated to pass
 - Categories: Research Performance Costs (RCPs), Essential Research Performance Support (ERPS), General Research Operations (GRO)
- Question/comment from Eileen: Consequences of the Title V funding cut and other cuts make her want to apply for more grants.

14:14 Proposal for a BS in Public Health, Option in Health Advocacy and Policy. Second reading by Chair Kamiar Alaei, Director Vikki Bisorca, and Associate Dean Elaine Ocampo at pm. [Approved 14:36]

- Brief recapitulation of the proposal given by Vikki Bisorca

14:14 Proposal for Post-Master's Certificate in Instruction for Information professionals. First reading by Elizabeth Dill (Dean) and Alexis Pavenick (Librarian)

- Moved by Pitiporn, seconded by Jesse.
- Dean Dill gave an overview of the proposal. Alexis Pavenick gave details:
 - o This will be a four-course sequence. First, covering library instruction theory. Second, covering practical tools for library instruction. Third, covering the theory and practice of assessment. The final course is a capstone.
- Q&A:
 - o Question by Marianne: Is there a budget for review? Answer: Budget in draft form; it will be provided before the second reading.
 - o Question by Dave: How will the instructors be paid? Answer: No buyouts, paid as additional employment. Librarian workload is not calculated in WTUs. Will the director be paid? Answer: No plan to hire a dedicated director; duties will be done on assigned time.
 - o Comment from Noah Kelly: The price point is targeted to \$400/unit, priced to be competitive with similar offerings from SJSU.
 - o Question by Jesse: Who will be teaching this? Answer: CSULB Librarians. They have the choice to take on the overload work and pay.
 - o Question by Josh: Will this be cohort-ed? Answer: Yes, courses will only be offered in sequence.
 - o Question by Eileen: Thinking about SJSU, they have been our competitor for a long time. Will this generate interest in CSULB and enhance library science here? Answer: This proposal is unlike anything that SJSU offers. It would be competing on content as well as price.
 - o Question by Dave: Would the Dean be willing to hire from outside the pool of CSULB faculty? Answer: Yes.

14:36 CSU Budget updates by Kara Perkins, AVP for Budget Administration

- 2025-2026 Budget Overview: 2025-26 Budget Information, projected \$21 billion revenue shortfall, 3% general fund cut to the CSU – the Chancellor's Office has not decided about the 'loan' offer from the Governor., Sources: 2025-26 Final Budget, General Fund: \$315,271,000 Total Tuition & Fees \$285,141,000 - Total Revenue \$600,412,000, Uses 2025-26 Final Budget – Total Expenditure \$602,646,373. For 2025-2026, there is a \$2.2 million deficit, flat budget allocations to the divisions, and University Wide Budget will absorb the shortfall.
- CA Legislature is requiring new reporting on campus financial health.

14:56 Adjourn