

University Resources Council

Minutes

October 7, 2025 @ 1:00 pm in AS-119

Members in Attendance: Samantha Valdez, Dianne Hayashino, Ali Rezaei, Sam Vickovic (Secretary), Eileen Klink, Araceli Gozalez, Dave Whitney (Chair), Josh Chesler, Jesse Dillon, Pitiporn Asvapathanagul (Vice-Chair), Ben Huff, Gabriel Gardner, Cyndi Farrington, Shelley Chang, Carrie Hernandez, Staci Freeman, Jeanine Pociask, Dee Dee Green, Gracie Cole, Claudia Plaza, Noah Kelly, Kara Perkins

Guests (10): Dhushy Sathianathan, Mark Zakhour, Lisa Salgado, Stephanie Gutierrez, Marie-Jeanne Ayoub, Cynthia Schierer, Enrique Robles, Elizabeth Dill, Alexis Pavenick, Paul Ayegba

1:03 Call to order

1:03 Approval of the agenda – Meeting of October 7, 2025

-Moved by Gabriel seconded by Cindy

1:04 Approval of the amended minutes taken by Garbiel from September 16, 2025

-Moved by Shelley seconded by Dianne

1:10 Presentation on Enrollment numbers and Graduation Rates by categories of students, and future strategies by Vice Provost for Academic Planning Dhushy Sathianathan

-Presentation available on Canvas

-Overview: discussed undergraduate applications, new undergraduate enrollment, graduate applications & enrollment, campus enrollment and targets, retention rates, graduation initiative 2025, degrees awardee, demographics & student success, student success by race/ethnicity, student success by sex.

-Q & A:

-Cindy questioned breakdown between in person, online, hybrid. Answer: 73% in person and 26% Hybrid or Online.

-David asked about being CSULB being envy of CSU system for applications and enrollment: Answer: highlighted we are top 8 in applications in nation and the issue with the waitlist and enrollment and how this influences the other CSUs. Requests from other CSUs to release our waitlists sooner.

-Cindy asked when we release our waitlist. Answer: depends on how are yield is going and meeting out targets.

-Josh asked a question about yields. Answer: We use data on trends and know 50% usually accept and we use waitlist if say only 40% accept and we use the waitlist to get to the 50%.

-Ellen asked how many average apps to CSU per student. Answer: Online apps make it easier to apply to several CSUs.

-Ali asked about graduate applications declining and why that might be. Answer: depends on job market more jobs less graduate applicants.

-Josh asked about numbers who come in as a specific major and graduate with that major. Answer: We have those data if you would like to view them, as well as data on grad apps by college.

-David asked about the increase of women in higher education, trends over time, and initiatives to increase male enrollment. Answer: Disparity started in the 1980's between men and women in higher education. Accelerating in certain spaces like education. Had a discussion CSU wide to develop an initiative, but there were no specifics given about an initiative.

-Jesse asked about recruitment of men and the application pool. Answer: The disparity is built into the application pool.

1:45 Presentation on current and future capital projects (costs and timelines), renovations and new initiatives at CSULB by Beach Building Services' AVP Mark Zakhour (Associate Vice President), Lisa Salgado (Capital Projects Program Manager), Stephanie Gutierrez (Manager, Design Services), Marie-Jeanne Ayoub (Manager, Construction Services), Cynthia Schierer (Program Support Specialist), Enrique Robles (Manager Construction Services)

Overview: Discussed construction project updates, infrastructure and partnership updates, and safety and sustainability initiatives

Q&A:

-Jesse asked about the issues with the pyramid: Answer: highlighted the challenges with resurfacing the outside of the pyramid and the cost associated. They are exploring various options.

-Josh asked about faculty housing. Answer: they are constantly exploring various options often examining options to repurpose vacant buildings.

2:30 Proposal for Post-Master's Certificate in Instruction for Information Professionals. Second reading by Elizabeth Dill (Dean) and Alexis Pavenick (Librarian). (budget document included on Canvas).

Overview: Alexis gave an overview of the of proposal and showed budget

Q &A:

-Ali asked about overlap with College of Education and similar program and highlighted that this program was not approved by curriculum committee. Answer: Alexis highlighted that they are different programs and that their new program is designed specifically for academic librarians. David highlighted that the URC role is to focus on financial impact.

-The proposal was passed (23 members approved, 1 did not approve, 1 abstention)

2:46 CSU budget updates by Kara Perkins, AVP for Budget and Administration.

Overview: briefly discussed federal budget and government shutdown and the uncertain stemming from this.

2:51 Adjourn.