

University Resources Council Minutes (Approved) – May 06th, 2025 (12th meeting)

Anatol Center

Members in Attendance (26)

Abduel Basit for Ju Cheol Moon; Sarah Corona for Hema Ramachandra; Jesse Dillon; Cyndi Farrington; Araceli Gonzalez; Ben Huff; Anna Kang; Chris Miller; Will Murray; Gavin Newton; Sara Nourazari; Hema Ramachandran; Rene Trevino; Sam Vickovic; Suzanne Perlitsh Wechsler

ASM: Terie Bostic (CLA); Gracie Cole (CPaCE); Staci Freeman (CHHS); DeeDee Green (COE); Carrie Hernandez (CED); Melissa Mata (COB)

Kara Perkins (AVP Budget & Univ Svcs); Marianne Hata (Asst. VP academic resources); Claudia Plaza (SS)

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

Guests in Attendance (8)

Antonella Sciortino; Joseph Kim; Virginia Gray; Tiffanye Vargas; Chris Swarat and CPace Team; Shelley Gonzalez

1:04PM	Meeting Called to Order	Praveen
1:04PM	1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of May 06, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The May 6, 2025 URC agenda was moved, seconded and approved. 	Will moved & Sam seconded Approved
1:06PM	2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of April 15, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The April 15, 2025 URC minutes was moved, seconded and approved as written. 	Will moved & Jesse/Will seconded Approved
1:10PM	3. Proposal for a new Minor in Heavy Civil Construction, <u>Second Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph shared support of a \$50,000 grant from the Beavers Foundation, with an additional \$1 million received for related construction programs. The \$50k is the preliminary support to this Minor and equal amount of support is expected from Beavers in the future. COE Dean's memo was provided to all URC members to assure this Beavers support. No major resources needed from the University. The Minor in Heavy Civil Construction was approved. 	Joseph Kim and Asso. Dean Antonella Sciortino Approved
1:14PM	4. Proposed change in Option title from B.A. in Child and Family Studies, Option in Child Development and Family Studies to B.A. in Child and Family Studies, Option in Child Development, <u>First Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyndi moved and Pitiporn seconded to review the proposal. This change is to emphasize the Child Development Pathway. No required resources changed. Only Title change. Motion to waive the first reading due to nature of change, which was moved and approved. The proposal was approved. 	Virginia Gray and Asso. Dean Vargas Approved
1:15PM	5. Proposed change in Option title from B.A. in Child and Family Studies, Option in Family Life Education to B.A. in Child and Family Studies, Option in Family Science and Community Services, <u>First Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community services coursework has already been integrated into the Option. No required resources changed. Only Title change. 	Virginia Gray and Asso. Dean Vargas Approved

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to waive the first reading due to nature of change, which was moved and approved. The proposal was approved. 	
1:18PM	6. CPace Advisory Committee report to the URC from member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See item #7 	Cyndi Farrington
1:35PM	7. Discussion and Conversation with CPace Dean Chris Swarat and team, on CPace programs, revenues, costs, opportunities and challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges in Higher Education and Workforce: Chris discussed the challenges of accommodating more students and the workforce stress due to older individuals rejoining the workforce. He emphasized the role of higher education in aligning programs with critical needs and helping students articulate their skills post-graduation. Chris also highlighted the importance of flexible learning options, career development, and policy changes that allow self-support revenues to support CSU instructional programs. He mentioned the Data Fellows program that provides access to student success data and the challenges faced by the Alumni Association in maintaining engagement. Chris also touched on the budgeting methodology and the policy changes allowing doctorate programs to run through self-support. • Combining Stateside and Self-Supported Courses: The discussion focuses on the logistics of combining stateside and self-supported courses, particularly for Beach Edge programs. Students will pay fees based on their enrollment status, either stateside or self-supported. The group discussed how to handle situations where undergraduate students take graduate-level courses or vice versa, emphasizing that program codes and enrollment status determine tuition rates. The discussion also touched on the possibility of running doctoral programs through CPace, subject to CSU governing rules. The conversation concluded with a brief mention of job market statistics and the need for further analysis of education requirements for open positions. • CSU Self-Support Programs Expansion: The discussion focuses on self-support programs and doctoral offerings at CSU campuses. CPace explained that the Board of Trustees recently approved the option for campuses to offer doctoral programs in self-support mode, including both new and existing programs. He noted that this decision provided more flexibility for campuses to utilize self-supporting resources, which may become increasingly important as state funding faces potential cuts. Summer enrollment has increased by about 22% compared to last year, partly due to more proactive marketing efforts. • Factors Influencing Instructional Program Costs: The factors influence the cost of instructional programs, including staffing, marketing, and recruitment costs. Chris clarified that the programs are self-supporting and do not utilize the campus benefit pool. The programs cannot supplant state-funded programs and that the cost of these programs is often like state-funded programs. While financial aid is not available for all programs, there are other forms of aid available for students. The market research is conducted for these programs, including competitor analysis and salary projections. Chris mentioned that the goal is not to generate revenue but to invest in the campus. CPace also addressed a question about the revenue model for self-supporting programs, explaining that 20% of the revenue goes to CPace, with the remaining 80% going to the program. CPace clarified that the model has been in place since 2015 and that there is no risk of it changing without consultation. • Chancellor's Office Flexibility and Lightcast Licensing: CPace team discussed the current flexibility in the Chancellor's office and the potential for changes in the future. CPace also addressed the licensing structure for Lightcast, a tool used for outcomes-driven data and offered to run reports aligned with the needs of the stateside programs. CPace emphasized the importance of strategic and smart use of self-support resources to address state concerns and potentially alleviate pressure on the state side. CPace Team also provided information on the mix of graduate and 	Dean Chris Swarat and team

	undergraduate students in their programs and the potential for growth in noncredit programs.	
2:05PM	8. Budget Update, if any. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major updates. The meeting discusses the university's budget planning for the next year, focusing on a projected ~\$15 million (\$14.8M to be exact) shortfall. The cut of \$10.5M is solely for Academic Affairs. AVP Perkins presented the current planning assumptions, including a breakdown of the budget by division and expenditure type. The shortfall is primarily due to state funding cuts and mandatory cost increases. Division heads will present their budget reduction plans to the Resource Planning and Priorities (RPP) committee on May 15th, which Praveen will attend, the day after the governor's May revision. The cuts are expected to mainly impact staffing, as other expenses have already been reduced significantly in previous years. The university is not planning layoffs but will look at not renewing temporary positions and leaving vacancies unfilled. Impacts of the cut include: hiring freeze, pay from other accounts to cover the expenses. The salary and benefits saved will be used on other expenses. 	AVP Kara Perkins
2:21PM	9. Introductions of URC members, all around <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025-2026 new URC members introduced themselves during the URC meeting. 	New members
2:23PM	10. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary sequentially for the 2025-2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praveen opened the floor for URC Chair nomination. Araceli nominated Dave Whitney. Dave accepted the nomination. No other nomination. Nomination was closed. Dave was voted for the URC Chair for 2025-2026. Praveen opened the floor for URC Vice Chair nomination. Dave nominated Pitiporn. Pitiporn accepted the nomination. No other nomination. Nomination was closed. Pitiporn was voted for the URC Chair for 2025-2026. Praveen opened the floor for URC Secretary nomination. No nomination or self-nomination. Dave will conduct the URC Secretary election during the 1st meeting in Fall 2025. 	Praveen
2:30PM	11. Adjourn	