

University Resources Council Minutes (Approved) – Mar 04th, 2025 (9th meeting)

Anatol Center

Members in Attendance (24)

Laura Ceia; Jesse Dillon; Araceli Gonzalez; Diane Hayashino; Ben Huff; Anna Kang; Chris Miller; Will Murray; Sara Nourazari; Avery Olson; Ali Rezaei; Sam Vickovic; Suzanne Perlitsh Wechsler

ASM: Terie Bostic (CLA); Garcie Cole (CPaCE); Carrie Hernandez (CED); Noah Kelly (Library); Melissa Mata (COB);

Marianne Hata (Asst. VP academic resources); Claudia Plaza (SA)

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

Guests in Attendance (3)

Amy Gerety; Gene Wohlgezogen; Nicholas Novella

1:01PM	Meeting Called to Order	Praveen
1:01PM	1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of March 04, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The March 04, 2025 URC agenda was moved, seconded and approved.	Will moved & Luara seconded Approved
1:02PM	2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of February 18, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The February 18, 2025 URC minutes was moved, seconded and approved with two corrections for typo.	Will moved & Sara seconded Approved
1:03PM	3. Presentation on Parking and Transportation Services, resources, projects, initiatives, opportunities and challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cal State Parking System Finances: Amy discussed the financial performance of the parking system at Cal State, Long Beach. CSULB has the 2nd most parking space of 14,052 among CSU campuses. The system is self-supporting, relying on permit revenue for operation. In the last fiscal year, the system earned \$17.6 million, with parking permits being the largest source of income. Expenses totaled \$9.2 million, with the largest being debt service and employee costs. The amount of total designated balance and revenues at the end of AY2023-24 was ~\$7.9M and expected at ~\$6.3 at the end of AY2024-25. Amy also mentioned a program change that reduced daily parking permit prices after 5:30 PM and on weekends, which led to a slight drop in revenue.Parking Facilities Capital Projects Update: Gene elaborated on recent and upcoming capital projects for parking facilities on campus. The university recently completed maintenance on several parking lots, including slurry sealing and restriping. A major renovation of the pyramid parking structure was completed, costing around \$8 million and involving repairs, repainting, and updating signage. An upcoming \$9.4 million project will renovate Lot G12, widening lanes and spaces, adding a pedestrian walkway, and preparing for future EV charging stations. The university has also implemented a new EV charging policy and launched a sustainable transportation app called BeachGo, first launched on Feb 17, 2025, to encourage carpooling and alternative transportation methods. Future challenges include managing parking during ongoing campus construction projects.Due to on-going and future construction projects on campus, the office works with the foundation. The Parking and Transportation Office rents the overflow parking at the foundation building to ensure sufficient parking spaces. In addition, the duration at the charging station will be limited/reduced to allow many people to share the charging facility. Moreover, the more charging spaces will impacted the number of available parking spaces in general (Avery). Suzanne asked about the revenue of solar	Amy Gerety and Gene Wohlgezogen

	<p>panels and EV charges. Amy replied that the solar project is under BSS, not the parking and transportation office, but the system is built in the parking lots.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The price of creating BeachGo app is ~\$30k-\$32k annually. 	
1:38PM	<p>4. Presentation on Student Financial Aid and changes thereof.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Aid at the University: Nicholas, the Director of Financial Aid, discussed the cost of attendance and financial aid at the University. He explained that the cost of attendance is a container for all financial aid, and it includes both direct and indirect costs. The cost of attendance is not average, but rather it aims to accommodate 98 to 99% of student cases. Nicholas also discussed the different types of aid, including restricted aid that goes directly to tuition fees. He mentioned that the State University Grant is for in-state students who are California residents for tuition purposes and is restricted to their tuition cost. Director Novella also touched on the topic of student borrowing, noting that the University is not a huge borrowing school. State University Grant and Cal Grant Programs: Nicholas discussed the State University Grant and Cal Grant programs, explaining their eligibility requirements and deadlines. He noted that the new FAFSA calculations are more generous, and the campus has been able to fund students beyond the typical March 2nd deadline. Nicholas provided an overview of grant disbursements for the 2023-2024 academic year, totaling about \$114 million. He also explained various grants for living expenses, including the Federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant stipends, and the middle-class Scholarship. The middle-class Scholarship program has seen significant growth, with funding increasing from about \$6 million in 2021-2022 to \$52.8 million in 2023-2024, and is expected to continue growing in the future. 50% of CSULB students are eligible for Pell grants with the highest aid at ~\$7.4k. Student loans allow attending school to be achievable because no co-sign required. Students are eligible for the middle-class scholarship when their parents' combined income is less than \$200k. The impacts of middle-class scholarships have never been investigated. Financial Aid Trends and Programs: Nicholas discussed financial aid trends and programs at the institution. The average financial aid package for eligible students is increasing due to the middle-class scholarship, with no changes in other programs. Federal loan borrowing has remained relatively flat, with a slight increase attributed to inflation. The institution is managing a \$415 million financial aid portfolio, with a significant portion going directly to students for living expenses. Nicholas addressed concerns about potential cuts to federal aid programs, emphasizing their popularity and importance. 	Nicholas Novella
2:10PM	<p>5. Discontinuance of the BA in English, Special Emphasis Option, <u>Second Reading</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Special Emphasis Option Discontinuance: The meeting focused on the discontinuance of the BA in English special emphasis option, which was approved unanimously. Approved. 	Approved
2:12PM	<p>6. Update/Report on resource requirements for the proposed University Writing Requirement (formerly GVAR) policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave presented an update report on the resource requirements for the proposed university writing requirement policy, including the average class size, class sizes across different colleges, and the analysis of the CEPC proposal. The report indicated that there were 36 sections with fewer than 18 students in fall 2024 and 24 in spring 2025, 86 sections between 18 and 24 in fall and 83 in spring, and 90 sections with more than 24 students in fall and 115 in spring. Section Size Policy Proposal: Dave presented a policy proposal affecting sections in the university. The proposal involves a cost of \$6,900 per section, resulting in a total cost of \$114,000 for smaller sections, a bit over \$1.1 million for 'just right' sections, 	Dave Whitney and subcommittee members

	<p>and a bit over \$1.4 million for larger sections. The proposal would require additional sections, resulting in a \$3,500 increase. The estimates do not include additional tutoring or faculty support services and also mentioned potential cost savings from eliminating the portfolio forces. The proposal aims to reduce disparities in course sizes, with a particular focus on the large sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio Policy Changes and Costs: Dave led a discussion about the potential changes to the portfolio policy, focusing on the cost implications and the need for assessment to determine its effectiveness. The subcommittee discussed the potential savings from eliminating the portfolio and the need to consider additional costs, such as the potential need for more faculty support. There was also a discussion about the need for a board to review the changes and send them to the Council for a vote. The subcommittee also discussed the potential need for additional resources, such as a new position for the GVAR Coordinator, and the need to consider the administrative overhead of the current administration. The conversation ended with a discussion about the need to separate the costs from the cost savings and to note down the potential additional costs. • Policy Review Expected Update: Praveen presented the current status of the university writing requirement policy, which was previously discussed. The policy has been withdrawn from the Senate agenda and will be reviewed by the CEPC. The CEPC is expected to review all documents and answer questions by March 20th. Praveen requested a cost estimate of the GVAR proposal from the URC by the 18th of March, which is a tight timeline due to the upcoming spring break. The URC's next meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday in April. Praveen emphasized the importance of addressing the financial implications of the policy and the potential need for the Executive Committee to interpret the current policy. The Subcommittee discussed potential changes to the policy and voted to send the revised policy to the Senate. However, the final decision on the policy will be made by the Senate. • Agree on Changes to WI Document: The committee discussed and approved changes to a document related to writing-intensive (WI) courses and associated costs. They agree to add a third bullet point addressing actual fill rates of WI sections, separate the cost savings information, and include a note about removing disparities in class sizes. The document will be amended by the subcommittee and sent to the Senate Chair. Concerns are raised about estimating costs for the new policy, particularly regarding training and enrollment shifts between departments. It is agreed that these concerns will be discussed at the next meeting on the 18th. 	Approved
	<p>7. Budget Update, if any, by AVP for Budget Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update. 	
3:00PM	8. Adjourn	