

University Resources Council

Minutes

October 6, 2026

Members Present: Soo Hyun Cho, Steven Rousso-Schindler, Rajbir Singh Judge (Secretary), Dave Whitney (Chair), Panadda(Nim) Marayong, Michelle Gibbs, Gabriel Gardner (Vice Chair), Barton Saunders, Rico Ovalles, Marianne Hata, Grace Torres, Staci Freeman, Terie Bostic, Noah Kelly, Kara Perkins, Sol Virgen, Diane Hayashino, Lalaine Sevillano, Jesse Dillon, Navdeep Dhillon, Carrie Hernandez, Dee Dee Green, Claudia Plaza.

1. Approval of the agenda

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2. Approval of the minutes 9/15/26

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Change: President Blanchard's Listening Tour, Not President Blanchard's Listening Chair.

3. Time certain: 1:10 pm

Presentation by Dhushy Sathianathan, Vice Provost for Academic Planning, on Enrollment Planning and Student Success

Academic Planning: Resources to support enrollment (budget, research, facilities, and more).

Enrollment Planning Overview:

Enrollment Planning covers managing the volume of applications, enrollments, and continuing enrollments.

Major changes this cycle are in two areas: enrollment of undergraduate transfer students for undergraduate education and international student applications for graduate education.

CSULB Dynamics are different and cannot be simply reduced to national trends that are fearful of the demographic cliff.

The campus must balance meeting or exceeding its enrollment target set by the Chancellor's Office (CO) against the physical and instructional capacity of the campus.

Funding and Cuts:

Planning is based on prior-year enrollment and instructional capacity.

Colleges are funded based on initial goal, then, after census, we will then supplement the funding. Student success however is paramount, and sections are required for graduation.

Section sizes are managed by the departments in collaboration with the college leadership. Under severe budget constraints, the number of sections offered may be reduced in emergency mode. Cutting underenrolled sections, however, could undermine student success by raising time to degree and more.

Student Success Goals:

Increasing first-time, first-year retention rates is a priority. The six-year graduation rate target is 80%.

Provost Incentive Grant: Students who need six units to graduate in 4 years (FTFY) or 2 years (Transfer) may have the costs associated with those units covered in the Summer to improve graduation rates.

4. Time certain: 1:40 pm

Second reading of the Certificate in Technology, Influence and Society.
Presented by Chair Gwen Shaffer, Department of Journalism.

Added numerous electives. The fifteen classes as electives should not lead to increased costs.

Will keep name.

Student Advising will be in Journalism and ATLAS.

Postpone vote until we see entire proposal.

5. CSU Budget updates, if any, by Kara Perkins, AVP for Budget Administration

Follow up to a question posed during the last meeting: Insurance premiums have increased 60% over 5 years. Employer Share of Health Benefits Premiums have increased 39% over 5 years. Utilities rate increases have outpaced the campus' ability to reduce overall usage, causing total utilities to cost more over time.

CSU Board of Trustees Approved Budget 27-28/ - it can be found on Page 18 of the BOT Finance item – found here: <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/past-meetings/2026/Documents/sept-22-23-2026-FIN.pdf>

There was a suggestion to have faculty representation--the Chair of URC--when the President's Cabinet decides to allocate the one-time fund for enrollment increases at CSULB.

6. Meeting Adjourned