

## University Resources Council

### Minutes

March 3, 2026 @ 1:00 pm in AS-119

Members in Attendance: Sebastian Rosano, Ali Rezaei, Sharon Teng, Sam Vickovic (Secretary), Eileen Klink, Renee Trevino, Araceli Gonzalez, Dave Whitney (Chair), Jesse Dillon, Sara Moghtadernejad, Pitiporn Asvathanagul (Vice-Chair), Ben Huff, Gabriel Gardner, Marianne Hata, Staci Freeman, Terie Bostic, Gracie Cole, Noah Kelly, Kara Perkins

Guests: Amy Gerety, Gene Wohlgezogen Clorinda Donato, Perla Ayala, Kerlop Janoyan

1:03 Call to order.

1:03 Approval of agenda.

-Moved by Shelly seconded by Eileen.

1:04 Approval of the minutes with the addition of Araceli Gonzalez to the list of attendees 2/17/26.

-Moved by Shelly seconded by Eileen.

1:05 pm. Presentation on Parking and Transportation Services, resources, projects, initiatives opportunities and challenges. Presented by Directors Amy Gerety and Gene Wohlgezogen.

-Overview: How do we compare, how are we funded, uses of revenue, financial review 24/25, reserve designations, recent capital expenditures, initiatives, looking ahead.

Q & A:

-Eileen asked about an issue with getting a parking permit for job candidates and were told they could only get passes in general parking areas. Answer: I don't know why you were told that we can follow up to see what happened. It was highlighted that the new guest parking permit program "Off Street" would solve this problem.

-Pitiporn asked if the citation revenue is always around the number reported. Answer: It changes a bit, and the reported number is a bit higher than normal.

-Sebastian asked about parking accommodations considering the new dorms opening and number of students we are expecting. Answer: Parking and Transportation Services are coming to give a presentation to ASI on March 18<sup>th</sup> and will be discussing this and asking how many spaces do they want designated to housing at La Playa dorms.

-Sebastian asked about shuttle wait time and potential accommodations for long wait times. Answer: Current wait time is 10 minutes and if we add more shuttles that adds cost to permit holders. Ten minutes seems to be working in general. Will also discuss this at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. We also make our decisions based on data and if the data suggests we need more shuttles we will accommodate that. The Pasio Go app gives information on shuttles and ETA.

1:35 pm. Second reading of the proposed MA in Translation and Interpreting. Presented by Clorinda Donato.

-Overview: AI is not taking this over and need humans to do these jobs. Jobs going unfilled due to lack of training. Got funding from donor going to use for scholarships. Highlighted its focus on practical, industry-relevant skills and its response to the growing need for trained translators and interpreters in California. The program aims to fill a gap left by the closure of the Monterey Middlebury Institute's program in 2027. Applying for two tenure-track positions.

Q & A:

-Dave asked about funding from a private donation and will it be used just for scholarships. Answer: The donor has provided funds in the past that were used for labs and once we wrote the MA degree the donor gave a significant new gift and will be mainly used for scholarships. Will also be used it for recruitment.

-All were in favor in the proposed MA in Translation and Interpreting.

1:45 pm. Second reading of the proposed BA in Modern Languages, Literatures, Cultures. Presented Clorinda Donato.

Overview: GE cuts have been severe and programs with languages have been impacted. Student interest in languages is not there. Merge different languages into one program so small programs like Italian can benefit from coming together in one big group.

Q & A:

-Dave asked about clarification concerning a question asked last URC session about how it is listed because it is listed as BA in Modern Languages, Literatures, Cultures and BA in Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Answer: I believe it should be listed as BA in Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

-All were in favor of the proposed BA in Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

1:55 pm. First reading of the proposed MS in Biomedical Engineering. Presented by Biomedical Engineering Chair Perla Ayala and COE Associate Dean Kerlop Janoyan.

-Moved by Gabriel and seconded by Jesse.

-Overview: Undergraduate students have been asking for a MS program in Biomedical Engineering. Highlighted that there are several medical device companies in the area so that could be good for our MS students. Want to start with 15 first cohort and increase to 40 eventually. Believe they have current resources but will eventually need part-time lecturers.

Q & A:

-Sebastian asked if there is high demand in other CSUs. Answer: Most other CSUs do not have Biomedical Engineering MS programs. Many of our students go to UCI or other UCs near by and have heard they would rather stay at CSULB, and many are already doing research as undergraduates and would like to stay and continue research.

-Jesse asked new curricular requirements and what that will look like in general and from a resource standpoint. Answer: Will be going with the traditional plan with 500-level courses. Courses will be taught by tenure-track faculty and then hopefully will hire part-time faculty to help with undergraduate classes and there is interest from industry professionals to teach in the department.

-Dave asked the two culminating research options and what they expect in terms of the breakdown of students between those two options. Answer: No clear estimate maybe 60-70% do thesis and other do project. Dave highlighted that if cohort gets to 40 and half do theses this would require a lot from faculty.

2:07 CSU Budget updates by Kara Perkins, AVP for Budget Administration.

-Overview: CSULB 2025-26 sources and uses. Total sources \$600,412,000, Total uses \$602,500,000, and deficit \$2,088,000. Revenue projections are up \$9.1 billion in the 26-27 Governor's budget. Project \$22 billion deficit for 27-28. Highlighted risks of future budget (stock market instability and federal policies). The Governor's proposal restores the CSU's \$143.8 million base budget reduction from 2025-26, provides \$100.9 million in partial Year 4 compact funding, and funds Year 5 of the compact at \$264.8 million, while deferring repayment of a \$143.8 million zero-interest loan to June 2027. Discussed the 26-27 uses of new revenue if the Governor's budget of \$711 million

systemwide is correct. Economic outlook is unstable and there are questions concerning if the next Governor/Legislature will uphold this budget.

Q & A:

Jesse asked about the switch to stateside summer, budget issues, and some unsettling numbers. They were told nothing was changing and budget would be fine. Answer: Revenue was down, and faculty cost were higher, but process should be the same and the share you get should be the same. We are sticking with stateside summer because we need to count it for the enrollment growth. It should settle into a more reliable number as we go forward.

2:30 Adjourn.