

University Resources Council

Minutes

September 1, 2026 @ 1:00 pm in AS-119

Members Present: Jessica Liu, Soo Hyun Cho, Eileen Klink, Steven Rousso-Schindler, Rajbir Singh Judge, Dave Whitney, Jesse Dillon, Panadda(Nim) Marayong, Navdeep Dhillon, Michelle Gibbs, Gabriel Gardner, Barton Saunders, Rico Ovalles, Marianne Hata, Grace Torres, Carrie Hernandez, Staci Freeman, Terie Bostic, Jeanine Pociask, Dee Dee Green, Claudia Plaza, Noah Kelly, Kara Perkins

Regrets:

1. Approval of the agenda, m(J. Dillon), s(R. Ovalles), passed, 1:03
2. Approval of the minutes 5/5/26, m(J. Dillon), s(S.H. Cho), passed 1:03
3. Introduction to URC roles and responsibilities, 1:05
 - a. The charge was reviewed in detail: <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/university-resources-council-urc>
 - b. Chair Whitney gave examples from previous academic years of various ways the URC has fulfilled its responsibilities.
 - i. Q: R.S. Judge: Do administrators provide detailed financial reports?
A: Units and unit leaders provide high-level summaries via presentations to URC. Detailed reports may be included and could be upon advance request.
 - c. Chair Whitney encouraged members to come prepared to meetings with questions regarding expenditures and how units advance student success as well as for program proposals. The committee is not, nor should it be, a rubber stamp.
4. Time certain: 1:20 pm

Second reading of the proposed self-support Certificate in Community College Instruction. Presented by Dr. Don Haviland (Educational Leadership) and Matthew Reimers (CPaCE), Rebecca Bustamante (Associate Dean, CoED).

 - a. D. Haviland: Certificate is 4 courses, self-support. Each course 8 wks.
Intended audience: teachers finishing a masters or PhD that want to teach in

community colleges. Also current CC instructors who may get an increase on their pay scale from obtaining the certificate.

- b. M. Reimers: \$350 per unit cost. Priced competitively with CSUDH.
 - c. Q: N. Marayong: Please describe how courses will be offered (i.e. modality).
A: Online, a mix of synchronous and asynchronous. Classes will not be cohort-based. Two courses offered in Fall, two in Spring.
 - d. Q: B. Saunders: What kind of financial costs will be incurred with hiring lecturers? The proposal notes usage of full-time and lecturers
A: Lecturers will be hired at Rank 2. The break-even enrollment point is approximately seven students per class.
Follow-up: If the enrollment target is not hit, will the pay for lecturers be scaled down?
A: Yes; pay is a sliding scale.
 - e. Q: E. Klink: Lecturers from English do work with community college teaching. Would these courses be open for them?
A: Yes, as long as lecturers stay within their pre-limited workload.
 - f. Vote: passed with 1 abstention (M. Gibbs), no objections.
5. Time certain: 1:30 pm
- First reading of the Certificate in Technology, Influence and Society. Presented by Chair Gwen Shaffer, Department of Journalism and Public Relations and interim Associate Dean Nancy Hall.
- a. m(E. Klink) s(S. Russo-Schlinder)
 - b. Cost implications of this certification are expected to be negligible. It grows out of preexisting journalism courses. Shaffer compiled the certificate by bringing together courses that are currently offered.
12-unit certificate. Students may choose from a menu of related classes once the required coursework is complete.
 - c. Q: R.S. Judge: It may help to have the word 'policy' in the title of the certificate. This could make it more marketable and appear more impactful on a resume.
A: The name was workshopped with various stakeholders.

- d. Q: N. Dhillon: The title of the certificate seemed confusing to him, particularly the presence of the word 'society'
A: This is a valid suggestion.
- e. Q: J. Dillon: What is the impact on the workload of faculty?
A: These courses are regularly offered.
Follow-up by M. Gibbs: Is teaching multiple sections of the required course sustainable?
A: A lecturer is anticipated to be hired to handle the work of this particular
- f. Q: B. Saunders: Will it be possible for students to obtain a journalism degree and obtain the certificate without going over the unit load?
A: The certificate is open to all students and intended for non-journalism students.

6. Time certain: 1:40 pm

First reading of the Degree Title Change from BS in Public Health, Option in School Health Education to BS in Public Health, Option in Health Education. Presented by Professor Vikki Bisorca. Regrets from: Department of Health Science and Associate Dean Alaine Ocampo.

- a. m(J. Dillon), s(S.H. Cho)
- b. No content changes. Anecdotally, they observe that the word 'school' is perceived as making the option focused on students working in a school post-graduation. This change is to simply clarify and update the nature of the Option.
- c. Motion to waive the second reading. m(G. Gardner), s(N. Dhillon), passed
- d. Vote: passed with no objections and no abstentions

7. Time certain: 2:00 pm

Presentation on financial and services information of Beach Shops and Associated Students Inc by Associate Vice President & Executive Director Miles Nevin

- a. Members should refer to slides available on Canvas.
- b. The ASI Annual Report for 2025-2026 is online at:
<https://asicsulb.org/corporate/year-in-review-2026/>

- c. Q: M. Gibbs: Some areas of campus are still underserved by food offerings, specifically by the Bob Cole Conservatory. Why is this?

A: Locations are based on financial sustainability. That location by the Conservatory has been tried by food trucks but they haven't made their minimum sales.

- d. Q: J. Dillon: Is there a comparison between pre-

- e. Q: R.S. Judge: 1) From 2023 to 2026 there was a \$49 million increase on the cost/budget for the USU, what was the reason for this? 2) Also, student fees have increased. 3) How are the negotiations with the newly unionized students going?

Where is the surplus from student fees going?

A: Fees: ASI is totally self-supporting, funded off student fees. All funds received go into reserve accounts. The reserve fund was a big funder of the USU renovation project. Discussion about the specific funding streams, including debt.

USU Budget: Between initial plans and groundbreaking, various things changed. COVID costs and inflation severely increased construction and construction materials costs. The staircase renovation was an additional \$11 million.

Bargaining: ASI is currently in bargaining with CSUEU. After that process is complete, they will begin bargaining with newly unionized students.

- f. Q: B. Saunders: He hears pushback from students on the fees who seem to not understand that their fees do fund many ongoing operations. They see "Student Union Fee" and become upset.

A: On the bill, there is not space to break out the costs on a line-item basis. ASI is aware of the student perception.

- g. Q: B. Saunders: D1TA, what is the meaning of the 31,000+ unique users of "Students served through day 1 textbook access"?

A: This figure is annual student opt-ins.

8. URC member introductions

- a. Partial cycle of introductions began at 13:15, completed at 13:23.

9. Election of the secretary of URC

- a. R. S. Judge self-nominated.
- b. Motion to close nominations, J. Dillon
- c. Vote to approve R. S. Judge as Secretary of URC for AY 2026-2027 passed unanimously.

10. Adjourned, 14:47