

Approved Minutes URC meeting of April 6, 2021

Present: Ehsan Barjasteh; Heather Barker; Andreas Bill; Robert Blankenship, Abby Bradecich; Christine Scott-Hayward Cyndi Farrington; DeeDee Green; Cecelia Griswold; Marianne Hata; Carrie Hernandez; Kevin Johnson; Kelly Janousek; Cathrine Maiorca; Anna Ortiz; Claudia Plaza; Karen Roos; Kara Perkins; Praveen Soni, Vensa Terzic;

1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of April 6, 2021

The agenda was approved as written

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of February 16, 2021 (will be sent before the meeting)

Minutes were approved as written

3. Presentation on the Research Foundation – Funding and expenses for the last three years, challenges due to the virus and future actions, by COO Brian Nowlin at 1 pm.

Q: What does a non-governmental grant mean?

A: This would be foundation grants or other non-governmental agencies.

We were impacted just like everyone else. For example, there were only four summer camp employees, and usually, there are almost 300.

85 to 90% of employees were able to stay employed throughout COVID.

Q: Do you see anything from the behind-the-scenes perspective in a more agile way?

These are externally funded programs?

Q: No, typically, we have a project that we could put in the CA conservatory.

A: I would recommend that you reach out to the ORSP

The pandemic has made us look more seriously at possible opportunities to combine operations. There will be a final report in a few weeks.

4. Presentation on CSULB Student Housing – Units, beds, rates, funding, expenses, reserves, projects, virus effects, etc. by Executive Director Corry Colonna around 1:25 pm

CSULB student housing maintains its buildings.

The total capacity at the residential villages will be 3194 people when all the residential halls are open.

CSULB housing operates throughout the year.

Due to COVID, Housing was limited to less than 400 students. COVID procedures were put into place and provided assistance to the VA Hospital while VA employees worked different shifts due to the COVID surge.

The Point Conference Center hasn't been open since the middle of March, so we have lost all revenue from this center.

For Fall 2021, all students living on campus will need to be vaccinated, and we will follow CDC guidelines.

CSULB Housing has about 40 million dollars in reserves. There is also deferred debt of 12.7 million dollars for ongoing maintenance and the new building and ADA compliance.

Future projects include renovations to Hillside and Beachside Village.

There were no questions.

5. Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering, First Reading around 1:50 pm – Interim Dean Tracy Maples, and Associate Deans Hamid Rahai and Antonella Sciortino of the College of Engineering (Documents 1 to 5 attached)

The proposal was moved for the first reading.

The program responds to the high demand for environmental engineers. LA County has the highest employment rate for environmental engineers.

Resources: The program involves classes that currently exist. There will be ten new courses required right away, and the four electives will be offered on rotation. The faculty will consist of faculty and part-timers that are currently employed. Library resources are already existing and used by other engineering programs.

Q: IS there writing in this curriculum?

A: In our curriculum, we have a 1-unit course that is focused on environmental impact reports. The other courses have writing as part of their courses.

Q: How much of this is policy statements?

A: This is included in the 400-level course.

Q: You don't need any faculty resources?

A: Only current faculty will be used.

Q: Will some of the students that come to this program cause a loss of enrollment from other programs?

A: This won't be a problem because the courses already exist.

No more Questions

6. Proposal for a Minor in Emergency Management, First reading around 2:10 pm – Associate Dean Jennifer Ostergren, Chair Brenda Vogel, and Professor Peter Kreysa of CHHS (Documents 6 to 11 attached)

The proposal was moved for the first reading.

The Emergency Management program minor is an effort to expose all our students to the pathway to the Emergency Management programs and provide them an option to pursue the Emergency Services Master's program.

EMER 301 and EMER 401 are new courses and will be elective courses for criminology students and won't cost any more money. One will be offered in the fall, and the other will be provided in the spring. All the other courses are already being provided by other departments.

Emergency Management is a growing field, and there need to be well-trained people in the area. There is a gap between the undergraduate level and the graduate levels in this field.

There are no questions.

7. Proposal to elevate the B.A. Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences: Child Development and Family Studies with an emphasis in Child Development and Family Studies or Family Life Education to The B.A. Degree in Child Development and Family Studies with an Option in Child Development and Family Studies or Family Life Education around 2:25 pm -- Associate Dean Jennifer Ostergren and Chair Wendy Reiboldt of CHHS (Documents 12 to 17 attached)

The proposal was moved for the first reading.

There is one additional class that has been developed for the elevation.

This will help our students to be able to get a better job and have better representation on campus.

Q: Will you need funding for this course?

A: No, the class has already been approved. The class used to be an elective course, but now it has changed to a required course for the programs.

No more questions.

8. Budget Update on State and Federal funding by Kara Perkins, AVP for Budget Administration

The January proposed \$145 million for the CSU for mandatory costs, but there will be a cut in July.

Last year we got \$41,729,438 from CARES funding that was split between the students. In the most recent CRRSAA, we got \$67 million, divided between the campus and students. The Biden relief bill (HEERF III) is supposed to award almost \$120 million, split between the institution and the students.

We will receive \$247 million in federal money. This money needs to be spent on expenses that resulted from the pandemic.

Q: How will students get this funding?

A: Directly into the students' accounts and is on top of the financial aid students have already received. This is like the stimulus check for students. As of right now, we can't use federal

money for undocumented or international students. However, we have set aside money for these students.

Q: Are there any changes in the hiring plans for next year?

A: There aren't any plans yet. It all depends on what the new money is for. We probably won't know anything before July 1.

Q: Will there be funding for the ISA for the new classes (hyflex)

A: Yes

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