

CSULB – University Resources Council  
Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2020  
ZOOM from 1pm to 3pm

Members present: Robert Blankenship, Praveen Soni, Kelly Janousek, Rosario Yeung-Lindquist, Ted Kadowaki, Marianne Hata, Cyndi Farrington, Dee Dee Green, Karen Roos, Henry Wu, Chanel Acker, Anna Ortiz, Jeanine Pociask, Kathy Skara, Christine Scott-Hayward, Abby Bradecich, Ehjan Barjasteh, Cecilia Griswold, Heather Barker, Terie Bostic, Carrie Hernandez, Rosario, Kevin Johnson, Bradley Pan-Weiss, David Hernandez, Andreas Bill, Claudia Plaza, Nizan Shaked, Shadnaz Asgari

Guests present: Lesley Farmer, Simon Kim

Meeting called to order at: 1:03

1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of September 15, 2020

Agenda amended (Item #4 removed)  
Approved as amended

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of September 1, 2020

Minutes approved

3. Proposal to elevate the MA in Education, Option in Educational Technology to the MS in Educational Technology and Media Leadership, Second Reading – Professor Lesley Farmer, Professor Stephen Adams and Dean Shireen Pavri from the College of Education.

Approved

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5. Presentation on the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs – Sources and uses of funds, and efforts/initiatives to improve research productivity at CSULB by AVP Simon Kim around 1:20 pm

He was concerned that the shutdown would inhibit research output. According to grant funding and the number of PIs, that appears not to be the case.

ORSP will wait until the budget situation is sorted out before they open competition for mini-grants and summer stipends.

Question: Do you see the federal government not offering as many grant possibilities next year?

Answer: That depends in part on who wins the election in November. About 50% of the grants come from the federal government.

Question: Will the submission of proposals be different in the future, because of the shutdown? Will it slow down?

Answer: That's what he was expecting. But when he looked at the July numbers, he was pleasantly surprised. But that doesn't mean that it's going to continue that way.

Question: The funds for Open Access: How much of that was spent? The whole 20k? Is there some left over?

Answer: He was disappointed. He was hoping that the faculty would request more than that, but they only spent 15k.

Question: Is there a breakdown of the table by College? And what about student funding? They can't use the work toward their theses?

Answer: Talk to the Assoc. Dean for research about the latter question. That's a philosophical question. The first question: yes, the table is available by College on the ORSP website.

Question: If you have faculty who are submitting research projects for publication but aren't accepted for publication, how do you manage submissions that aren't accepted, how do you monitor that?

Answer: There is a committee that looks at all the proposals. They only provide support for proposals that are accepted.

Comment: Concern about open access. There isn't yet a culture of acceptance of open access in some corners on campus. This is a cultural shift that still hasn't quite taken place yet. This has ramifications for RTP.

6. Presentation on the 49er Shops Bookstore activities and 49er Shops current active operations by Cyndi Farrington

Their official role is to provide goods and services to the campus: bookstore, dining, catering, concessions, etc. Because of the shutdown, no services are being provided. They don't receive any funding through the university. They don't receive CARES funding. They will take a 2 million loss. They laid off many employees. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street location was reopened over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. It's open only on weekends now. They have closed the University Dining Plaza, the Starbucks, the Beach Hut, etc. Only the Bookstore, the Art Store, the Outpost, and the Corner Market are open. With the Corner Market, they're only doing about \$60 per day in business. Parkside Dining Hall is the only dining hall that's open. They have only about ~300 students living on campus. We will no longer be a Starbucks campus. They require expensive refreshes, so expensive that they're not making any money from Starbucks. We won't be back on campus in the Spring. The Bookstore is about the only sustainable part

of their operations currently. They're doing online business. They will likely lose ~\$6 million this year.

Comment: The work for the lab kits is really appreciated, especially in Physics and Astronomy.

Question: Starbucks brings its name, but they don't give the university anything? How can that be? Can the students run their own coffee shop?

Answer: The remodels are very expensive. Starbucks doesn't give anything to the university.

7. Budget updates, if any – AVP Ted Kadowaki  
CSU budget  
Budget reduction of 299.1 million  
For 21-22, request for 237.5 million in additional funding

Question: No compensation increases. What does that mean for faculty who are promoted?

Answer: That's likely different. That's at the department/college level. The budget Ted is talking about is for the CSU system.

Question: What was the conversation like in URC about furloughs leading up to the furloughs that happened before?

Answer: The last furloughs came during the middle of negotiations. Faculty voted to have furloughs. Now the CFA has negotiated that there won't be any furloughs. 2009 was the only furlough year we've had. The decision to furlough isn't a campus decision; it's a system-wide decision.

Answer: Student fees also went up drastically that year. The state cut our budget, but then the federal government gave us about what the state government cut. But the following year was bad. In our current situation, the 2021-2022 budget might be bad.

Question: Will we continue to develop certificate programs? Is that still a priority?

Answer: There isn't any budget insight into that.

Answer: Those programs are often in CPIE.

Ted is retiring. This is his last meeting with URC. His replacement will be Kara Perkins.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:29

Next meeting October 6<sup>th</sup>.