

CSULB – University Resources Council  
Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2019  
President’s Conference Room (USU 306) from 1pm to 3pm

Members Present: Robert Blankenship, Praveen Soni, Ted Kadowaki, Chris Beyer, Claudia Plaza, Dee Dee Green, Teri Bostic, Kevin Johnson, Brenda Vogel, Ferdinand Arcinue, Xuhui Li, Richard Behl, Jeanine Pociask, Carrie Hernandez, Rosario Yeung-Lindquist, Cyndi Farrington, Yu Wang

Guests Present: Nick Valdivia, John Hamilton, Jeff Klaus

Meeting called to order at: 1:04

1. Approval of the Agenda – Meeting of April 16, 2019

Agenda approved.

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of March 5, 2019

The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

3. Announcements

4. CSU and CSULB Budget information and updates – AVP Ted Kadowaki

Handout: Proposed 2019-2010 Operating Budget based on Governor’s January Proposal. We received almost \$23 million of additional funding. Most of it is ear-marked for specific purposes such as compensation and GI 2025. The Governor’s revised budget should be released around mid-May.

International student numbers are down by about 900 heads, about 25%. This is also a financial issue, because those students pay full tuition.

Question: Is increased enrollment funding related to hiring more faculty?

Response: The funds are discretionary, and the provost makes decisions about hiring.

5. Presentation on Financial Aid (Pell Grants, CalGrants and SUGS etc.) at 1 pm – Director Nick Valdivia

Handout: Financial Aid Data

Fee Awards are designated to cover tuition, but not campus fees or living expenses. These are State University Grants and Cal Grants (A and B).

Question: Are they restricted to CA residents.

Answer: Yes.

Approximately 52% of undergraduates at CSULB receive Fee Awards.

Approximately 30% of credential and graduate students receive Fee Awards.

Question: Are these grants funded through tuition?

Answer: Yes.

State University Grant eligibility: CA resident, must be paying state tuition, must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress, FAFSA filed by March 2, minimum of half-time enrollment. There are also unit caps.

Awards for Living Expenses: These can include Pell Grants, Cal Grant Stipends, Federal SEOG for Pell Grant Recipients, and CSULB EOP (Educational Opportunity Program) Grants. Approximately 60% of CSULB undergraduate students receive Awards for Living Expenses. The grants can cover housing and transportation. Our students' financial needs far exceed the resources we can offer them.

Student Borrowing: Approximately 32% of our students borrow. This percent has dropped in recent years. The national average for students who borrow is more like 60%. The financial aid office can also help educate students about smart borrowing. Approximately 42% of graduate and credential students borrow.

Question: Can international students borrow.

Answer: No.

Question: What funding is available for summers?

Answer: This is a challenge for students. Summer funding is limited. There are Pell Grants for the summer for students who take 6 units.

Question: How are Dreamers funded?

Answer: When we were talking about international students, that wasn't about the Dreamers. Those students are eligible for some sources of funding.

Question: Are there funds that can be used for recruitment for certain programs?

Answer: That wouldn't be financial aid. That would be something else.

6. Presentation on Student Life and allied programs (CDC, First Year Experience, SOAR etc.) at 1:45 pm – AVP Jeff Klaus

Handout.

Their work with students begins before students start the first year. Reimagining SOAR. They are working on doing advising via Zoom, as an additional option for students. This is also part of reimagining SOAR.

The Bob Murphy Access Center has a new director. This used to be DSS. Bob Murphy is a donor. They are now in the Student Success Building.

CAPS has grown. They have 3 interns in addition to 12 psychologists, and they are growing.

Veterans Services is being relocated to Brotman Hall.

7. Presentation on University Access and Retention and allied programs and initiatives (Dream Center, EOP, Multicultural, Men's Success etc.) at 2 pm – AVP John Hamilton

Graduation Initiative 2025. As part of this, they have used Swail's Geometric Model to access student success, access, and retention.

Workshops for Young Men of Color will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

They meet once a month with faith-based groups.

They want to create a virtual tour of the campus. This might be piloted next year.

Women's Success Initiative. Women of color also have issues that aren't being addressed. They want to create a program for them.

EOP Summer Bridge Program, approximately 350 students.

Question for both Jeff and John: What is the biggest disconnect between students' health and wellness problems and the health and wellness resources that are offered?

Jeff Answer: There needs to be a concerted effort to centralized some of the mental health resources. The programming is there, but we need to connect better to the students who need it.

John Answer: These issues could be added both to syllabi and to course evaluations. Also, some other institutions have better resources than we do, and that affects recruitment.

Question: Sometimes when students come to CAPS and CARES, perhaps the environmental triggers are perceived as personal issues. How can we address that better?

Jeff Response: We have to see where the president wants to go. There is much to work on.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:50