

CSULB – University Resources Council  
Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2020  
ZOOM from 1pm to 3pm

Members present: Robert Blankenship, Praveen Soni, Rosario Yeung-Lindquist, John Reese, Ted Kadowaki, Marianne Hata, Cyndi Farrington, Dee Dee Green, Kevin Johnson, Karen Roos, Lee Blecher, Dave Whitney, Henry Wu, Praveen Shankar, Ferdinand Arcinue, Chanel Acker, Claudia Plaza, Kelly Janousek, Anna Ortiz, Carrie Hernandez, Richard Behl, Cathrine Maiorca, Jeanine Pociask, Terie Bostic, Kathy Skara

Guests present: Michele Cesca, Nick Valdivia

Meeting called to order at: 1:05

1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of April 21, 2020

approved

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of March 3, 2020

approved

3. Latest Budget Update by AVP Ted Kadowaki

COVID-19 will have an impact on the budget. The campus operating budget was around \$475 million. It's anyone's guess what enrollment will look like in the fall, and that will affect revenue. The May revise might be similar to the January budget; it might even be slightly less. The operating budget will be significantly reduced. There will likely be a 5% cut effective in July. There might also be mid-year budget cuts. But the details are still anyone's guess at this point.

Question: Do we anticipate a reduction in enrollment growth?

Answer: Yes. They assume that enrollment will be down in the fall.

Question: Is the base budget for each division within the university? Which budget is the 5% from?

Answer: It is 5% of the \$475 million campus operating budget, and that is being transferred to various divisions, on a prorated basis.

Question: What about the tenure-track hires? We're keeping them, right? So the cuts will have to come from somewhere else?

Answer: He doesn't know the details. It's tricky.

The chancellor said he expects about a 25% reduction in enrollment across the CSU.

We could use the rainy day fund in one fell swoop this year.

4. Presentation on the 49er foundation, mission, funding and expenditures for the last three years by VP Michele Cesca at 1 pm.

The 49er Foundation Endowment is hovering around \$100 million. There is a 1% endowment fee and a 5% gift fee. Things have changed quite a bit in the past two months. Philanthropic activity has dropped. But they will continue to seek gifts.

Question: Is the 1% from the \$100 million?

Answer: Yes. There is a 4.5 annual distribution rate.

Question: And the gift fee?

Answer: That comes when the gift comes. It's a one-time fee. It's not connected to the endowment.

Question: How much of the 49er funds are in the endowment?

Answer: N funds are \$9 million. Those are to be spent. They are not part of the endowment. They actually want people to spend the N funds.

Their budget changes every year. Every year the budget is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. There are just under a million dollars in fixed costs.

Question: Are the expenses going up?

Answer: Not really. It's mostly the revenue that changes so much every year.

Question: Is the 49er Foundation participating in Beach 2030? What are those goals?

Answer: Yes. They have created a prospectus and have completed a feasibility study. They can go forward with the campaign.

5. Presentation on Student Access, Retention and Graduation Outcomes by AVP John Hamilton around 1:40 pm

6. Presentation on Financial Aid at CSULB for the last three years, by Director Nick Valdivia around 2 pm

PowerPoint Presentation: Financial Aid Data

Fee-Paying Awards: State University Grant (SUG), Cal Grant A, Cal Grant B. Total students receiving awards: 16,362. Total dollars received: \$46,151,901. Total percentage of students receiving awards: 51.83%. If tuition increases, these fee-paying awards will follow to cover that.

SUG eligibility: Cal resident for tuition purposes, paying state tuition, restricted to tuition costs, satisfactory academic progress, must file FAFSA by March 2, family contribution of \$6,000 or less (at CSULB; the Chancellor's Office stipulates 4,000 or less), must be enrolled at least halftime, limited to 1<sup>st</sup> degree within a program, undergraduates limited to 150 units.

Question: Will Covid-19 cause students to lose funding if they drop below the halftime credits? Will this make it harder for students to come back?

Answer: That comes from the Chancellor's Office. It is to be determined whether the Chancellor's Office will reevaluate that. There is some federal relief here too though.

Question: 150-unit limit? Is there a maximum number of transferred credits for these purposes?

Answer: Yes. A maximum 70 units from community college credits.

Awards for Living Expenses: Federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant Stipend, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), CSULB EOP Grant.

Of these: total of 16,984 students receiving these; dollars received \$48,117,436; percentage receiving awards 53.81%. Average award \$2,833.

Question: Are more students graduating faster? Is there a percentage of that?

Answer: As students graduate faster, we're bringing in more students.

Question: Is there a limit on how many students can receive these grants?

Answer: No. The Pell Grant is a federal grant. There's no limit on the number of students who can receive it. The state budget limits the total number of Cal Grants, but the number of students who use it at CSULB can go up or down. The CSULB EOP Grant is allocated and needs to be spent as is.

Student borrowing: About 51% of our students borrow. The national average is about 65%. The average CSULB loan debt is also less than the national average.

Fall 2018: 8,178 subsidized loans, 5,968 unsubsidized loans, total loans: 9,503

The number of our students borrowing is down, but the amount they're borrowing is increasing slightly.

Question: Are graduate students eligible for the SUG?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Financial Aid in summer session? Is there a path to that?

Answer: Right now, it's not a state-supported program, so the state grants don't apply. It's self-supported. But the Pell Grant could be used in the summer as one of the semesters.

Question: But could students use grants for the self-supported CPIE programs?

Answer: Those are mostly graduate programs. Mostly, those students could apply student loans.

Question: 18,000 are Pell eligible. Is that the highest in the CSU?

Answer: We are perhaps third in the CSU, but certainly we're higher there than most of the CSU campuses.

7. Experience sharing by council members, if desired.

8. Adjourn

meeting adjourned at: 2:43

We will meet on the first Tuesday of May, the 5<sup>th</sup>.