

CSULB – University Resources Council
Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2020
Anatol Center from 1pm to 3pm

Members present: Robert Blankenship, Praveen Soni, Terie Bostic, Rosario Yeung-Lindquist, Praveen Shankar, David Whitney, Kevin Johnson, Kelly Janousek, Ted Kadowaki, David Hernandez, Cindi Farrington, Marianne Hata, Dee Dee Green, Ferdinand Arcinue, Carrie Hernandez, Karen Roos, Lisa Star

Guests present: Tangan Gao, Kagba Suaray, Dean Curtis Bennett, Jared Ceja, Peter Kreysa, Wendy Reiboldt

Meeting called to order at: 1:05

1. Approval of the Agenda – Meeting of February 4, 2020

amendment of the schedule for the day. approved as amended

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of December 3, 2019

approved

3. Announcements, if any

no announcements

4. Presentation and discussion on the Governor's January 2020 budget proposal, trustees request, and comparison to previous years budgets by AVP Ted Kadowaki

Handout: CSU and CSULB Operating Budget Summary

The update is shaded in blue on the handout.

For the CSU, \$199 million in the January budget, as opposed to the \$563.7 million we requested. And \$6 million for one-time use, as opposed to the \$500 million we requested for one-time use. All union contracts will sunset June 30, 2020.

The Chancellor's office will usually issue campus budgets in February or March, following the January budget.

Question: What is your sense of the future? Will there be more later? For this year?

Answer: It should probably get slightly better. But we shouldn't expect what we requested or what we received last year.

5. Elevation of an Option in Consumer Affairs to a BA in Consumer Affairs at 1:15 pm by Chair Wendy Reiboldt and Dean Monica Lounsbury – First Reading

Handout

People in the industry are supportive of this elevation. This will help when students apply for jobs. It will also help the department in recruiting students. It more accurately describes the discipline and what they do. They are also requesting that the minor be changed to Consumer Affairs as well. Also, this request came from the Chancellor's Office, which wants to make the same request at other CSU campuses. The other degrees in the department will send requests for similar changes soon.

Question: What does the minor have to do with 1071?

Answer: The name is a better fit.

Question: How many students?

Answer: 235

Question: How many faculty?

Answer: 3 tenure lines, plenty of lecturers

6. Elevation of BS in Mathematics, Option in Statistics, to a BS in Applied Statistics at 1:45 pm by Chair Tangan Gao and Dean Curtis Bennett – First Reading

motion and seconded for first reading

Handout

This is about compliance. Statistics is substantially different from the other options in mathematics. There is a need for applied statistics in industry. There won't be any changes in courses or degree requirements. They already have ample faculty.

Question: Have many advisors do you have? And will that change?

Answer: They only have 40 students. There is only one advisor for statistics. So it's not a huge issue. But having the stand-alone program with hopefully offer the opportunity for growth.

Question: Does the college also have centralized advising?

Answer: Only for pre-majors.

Question: Data and coding skills. Where do you see that growth on this campus? The campus is weak in that area. How will this be paid for? There is no place to get this software on this campus. How will that be funded? Those packages are not cheap.

Answer: On the software side, they are okay. In terms of data collection, they want to collaborate with companies, hospitals, doctors, the VA, etc.

Question: The problem with data collection is the regulation.

Answer: Yes. He has done some of that paperwork.

Answer: The other issue is computing power. In addition to learning how to code, the students also need that computing power.

Answer: There's also the LA Data Cooperative. It's publicly available data. The Computer Science Department is already part of that Cooperative.

Answer: The College already has a fairly robust set of resources for computing power.

Question: Will the growth be expected here?

Answer: It won't happen for a few years. It will take a while.

Answer: It also depends on the Dean.

Question: Is there potential for students from other majors to do a double major with applied statistics? Engineering students, for example, could be interested in that.

Answer: They encourage minors.

Question: Have you thought about a course in The Ethics of Data Collection?

Answer: That's a good idea.

Question: Is there any urgency to get this done quickly? Can you wait 14 days for the second reading?

Answer: The urgency is the EO. The catalogue already closed for the fall. There's also not a separate set of courses for the first year. In that sense, it's not urgent.

Question: This is all state-side, right?

Answer: Yes.

Discussion: The question is just about the number of students. Can they grow enough to support the program in terms of enrollment?

Response: That sounds like a question for the Dean.

Response: So this is a question about sustainability.

We will have a second reading in 14 days.

7. Presentation on Sustainable Graduation Regalia at 2 pm by Jared Ceja and Cyndi Farrington from the University Bookstore

New campus agreement for regalia.

PowerPoint presentation: CSULB Commencement Regalia

RFP Process (RFP=Request For Proposals):

They worked with Herff Jones for years.

They looked at proposals from three companies.

Now they signed a five-year contract with Balfour, with the option of a two-year extension.

Balfour is very customer-service focused.

Financial Impact to Students:

The prices won't increase with Balfour. The agreement will hold prices steady for 5-9 years.

The gown is now a keeper, instead of a rental. So students will have more time to take photos with regalia.

The gown is made from recycled plastic bottles.

Students can turn it in for recycling again. They can give it to someone else for reuse. Or they can just keep it.

It turns out that the recycled gowns are more sustainable than the rentals.

The cap is a keeper cap.

The recycled gowns are also less heavy and less hot.

8. Adjourn

meeting adjourned at: 2:16