

CSULB – University Resources Council  
Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2020  
ZOOM from 1pm to 3pm

Members present: Robert Blankenship, Praveen Soni, Kelly Janousek, 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, Anna Ortiz, Richard Behl, Cathrine Maiorca, Jeanine Pociask, Kathy Skara, Christine Scott-Hayward, Abby Bradecich, Ehjan Barjasteh, Lisa Star, Cecilia Griswold, Heather Barker

Guests present: N/A

Meeting called to order at: 1:05

1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of May 5, 2020

Dan O'Connor requested that we remove item number 5 from the agenda for today. The agenda is amended.

The agenda is approved as amended.

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of April 21, 2020

minutes are approved

3. Introduction of URC Colleagues, all around

4. Election of URC Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary sequentially

Praveen Soni reelected Chair, Kevin Johnson reelected Vice Chair, Cathrine Maiorca elected Secretary

~~5. Proposed Self Support program: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology through the College of Professional and International Education (CPIE) by Dr. Dave Whitney, Psychology and CLA Associate Dean Dan O'Connor – First Reading at 1:30 pm~~

6. Latest Budget Update by AVP Ted Kadowaki

The campus received about \$40 million as part of the CARES Act, about \$20 million each for student financial assistance and institutional assistance. Most of those students should receive funds later this week. Other don't have direct deposit this week, and the university is trying to avoid physical checks when possible.

Question: What's the average amount each student will receive from CARES?

Answer: The highest amount will go to the neediest students. Those will receive roughly \$1,500. Others will get about \$1,000. Another group will receive \$500. Every student should receive a minimum of \$250.

Question: Is there more student need that still won't be met with those funds?

Answer: There is another small committee working on that question.

Question: What about the other \$20 million?

Answer: We could still give some of that to students. We just can't give it to auxiliaries.

Question: What about the 5% cut, the \$24 million? Can those other \$20 million contribute to making up for that cut?

Answer: No, because that's a permanent budget cut, but the \$20 million is one-time funds.

All divisions have been sent a message about the 5% cut. They have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to respond to how they will manage the cut.

The 2021-2022 budget could very well be even worse than the 2020-2021 budget. A mid-year reduction is also a possibility.

Question: Does the university have any model for the number of students that might not enroll?

Answer: The whole CSU system is planning for reductions in enrollment. CSULB specifically has over 100,000 new applications. So demand is there. But CSULB will likely suffer in terms of international students, and that is also a revenue issue.

Question: Is there also a discussion about how to create new revenue streams?

Answer: For now, the discussion is primarily about how to manage the budget cuts at hand. Of course enhancing revenue will be an important discussion, but that's longer term.

Question: How does this all fit together? Is there a systematic look at the big picture? What about the loss of revenue from students not living on campus? Are there other sources of revenue that could help with this?

Answer: Housing is considered self-supported. They raise their own funds. Housing and Parking will have to be creative. In terms of the big picture, they're working as hard and as fast as possible, but this is unprecedented. It's a learning experience. They just don't know. Things are changing every hour. They have to follow the governor, the county, the CSU system, etc. This is new territory.

Question: Labs will struggle to try to keep safe distances. This is also a cost issue. Is there a discussion about that?

Answer: Student Affairs is likely looking into that.

Answer: The deans are working on that.

Question: What does early enrollment look like so far?

Answer: So far, the numbers look good. The application flow was very high, over 100,000. The initial response has been very positive. But no one has been required to commit to any payments yet, so it's hard to tell.

Question: The first payment is due in July? But they're already registering?

Answer: Yes, the first payment is due in July, but they're already registering.

7. Experience sharing by council members, if desired.

Announcement: There will be a drive-by book return for book rentals 10:00-4:00 in Lot 10.

Question: If there's a student who's not local, how can they return their books?

Answer: There's also an option for returning them by mail.

Follow-up: The library will also add this information to their website.

8. Adjourn

meeting adjourned at: 2:17