

CSULB – University Resources Council
Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2019
Anatol Center from 1pm to 3pm

Members present: Robert Blankenship, Praveen Soni, Claudia Plaza, David Hernandez, Kevin Johnson, Dave Whitney, Terie Bostic, Ted Kadowaki, Marianne Hata, Praveen Shankar, Rosario Yeung-Lindquist, Ferdinand Arcinue, Carrie Hernandez, Henry Wu, Chanel Acker, Catherine Maiorca, Yu Wang, Karen Roos, Lee Blecher, Heather Schmoll, Nizan Shaked, Lisa Star, Joelle Bobadilla

Guests present: Min Yao, Dhushy Sathianathan, Nancy Torres, Dan O'Connor, Monica Argandoña, Mary Jones-Harley, Tim Mozia

Meeting called to order at: 1:03

1. Approval of the Agenda – Meeting of November 5, 2019

approved

2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of October 15, 2019

amendments. Approved as amended.

3. Presentation on the 2019-2020 budget and allocation for the Division of Information Technology in comparison to 2018-2019, and current and future divisional initiatives and IT projects, at 1 pm by Vice President Min Yao

Handout: Department of IT, Budget Update 2018-2019 and 2019-2020

Division of IT Projected Budget 2019-2020. They plan to spend \$200,000 to improve Wifi and \$292,223 to build a CECS computer lab for special needs. They plan to continue the Top Smart Campus Initiatives to expand and enhance technology in a number of ways. System and License Contracts are expensive and add up quickly.

Handout: Beach 2030 Strategic Values and Priorities, Division of Information Technology

Question: Are faculty charged for high-performance computing time?

Answer: Yes and no. It depends. If there is some request, let them know.

Comment: Students have said that they'd like to have Wifi in the Japanese Garden.

Response: The requests have to be prioritized. Also, the Japanese Garden funding comes from somewhere else.

Question: Could the map of the accessibility route work in conjunction with construction changes?

Answer: They are updated live, but there are different departments and divisions involved.

Question: About what percentage of the campus has Wifi?

Answer: Approximately 85% of instructional areas.

4. Presentation on Beach 2030 at 1:30 pm by Vice Provost Dhushy Sathianathan

Beach 2030 pins and flyers passed around.

Planning for 2030

Strategic Vision: Timeline

Financial Planning

Physical Planning

Campaign Planning

Question: Is there a budget allocated for this over the next ten years?

Answer: They plan to put 10% of their resources toward this, gradually, starting perhaps with 2%. Perhaps ~\$16 million over ten years. (VP Sathianathan makes it clear that this is speculation and not official numbers.)

5. Presentation on CSULB Human Resources categories (numbers and dollars) – administrators, staff, faculty (tenured, tenure track and lecturers) for last three years around 1:50 pm by AVP Nancy Torres

Handout: HR Data (FTE, Head Count, and Salary Data), plus more specific data on faculty in particular

Question: Does the salary information cover benefit costs as well?

Answer: No, that is separate. This is the salary information.

Question: What does MPP stand for?

Answer: MPP=Management Personnel Plan

Question: Is this information available by colleges?

Answer: Yes. It is on Beach Data.

Question: The headcount for TT faculty has gone up, but the FTEs has gone down. How is that?

Answer: That has to do with FERPing faculty. A half-time FTE counts as a full head.

Follow up: So it looks like TT faculty is increasing, but perhaps that is not really the case, because the FERPing faculty will retire.

6. Proposal for a MS in Sustainability Management and Policy – First reading around 2:25 pm, CLA Faculty and Dean

The Program is designed across colleges to be interdisciplinary. It's designed for professionals. 25 in a cohort. A cohort starts each semester. The lab space shouldn't be a problem because the courses are offered in the evenings and on weekends.

Question: Are there any potential downsides to the program? Are there any risks? What if, for example, 25 students don't start in a cohort?

Answer: The demand seems to be high. Initial surveys indicate that the demand is there.

Comment: From a curricular perspective, this is exactly what people are looking for as part of Beach 2030. It's practical, interdisciplinary, and focuses on a particular problem. More and more, students want to solve specific problems.

Question: What potential is there for working with the College of Engineering?

Answer: Yes. That is a possibility.

First reading

Question: What are "various consortial borrowing options"?

Answer: Interlibrary Loan

Question: It looks as though quite a few courses will need to be developed for this program. That is also a resource issue.

Question: It looks like the program is expensive. Are we reading that number right? \$1,050 per unit times 36 units. That's expensive.

Question: It looks like the faculty are all teaching overloads.

Question: Are there library resources being subsidized by the state for the CPIE programs?

Answer: Yes. They can't be separated.

Question: Will it be automatically accredited, or what is the accreditation process for this?

Answer: Not all Masters programs are accredited. It's possible that there is no accreditation body for such a program.

Answer: Also, this should have been dealt with already by a different council. Accreditation is not directly a URC issue.

Motion to waive the first reading. Second.
Vote. The program is approved.

Other announcements:

There is a plan in place to lock all external doors.

There is a plan to separate skateboard paths from walking paths.

There is 62,000 square feet of built space on campus. that is being underutilized.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:58.