

PLANNING, RESOURCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dabirian, Amir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mallicoat, Stacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas, Carolyn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davis, Anthony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McConnell, Craig	<input type="checkbox"/> Virjee, Framroze
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> de Lijser, Peter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meyer, Bill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walker, Sean
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forgues, David	<input type="checkbox"/> Nagai, Nelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yong, Emeline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garcia, Danielle representing President Framroze Virjee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ngo, Chean Chin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zarate, Maria Estela (Chair)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kim, Danny C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oseguera, Tonantzin	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim-Goh, Mikyong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saks, Greg	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucas, Marcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seung, HyeKyeung	

Guests: Balderas, Barco, Hidalgo, Hull, Lipnisky for Kim, Loeb, Nguyen, Scialdone, Zirzow

I. Call to Order

- 1.1 Chair Zarate called to order at 1:00 PM

II. Urgent Business

- 2.1 No urgent business announced

III. Announcements

- 3.1 Department of Asian American Studies (ASAM) shared a Statement Against Anti-APIDA Racism and Sexual Violence and A Call for Solidarity to Fight for Human Rights

IV. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 Minutes March 12, 2021 – draft
- M/S/P Meyer, Yong

V. New Business

- 5.1 Student Economic Health (Jessica Barco, Director of Financial Aid)

- Introduction by Dr. Tonantzin Oseguera, Vice President for Student Affairs, the presenters include Dr. Elizabeth Zavala, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Jessica Barco, Director of Financial Aid, and David Hull, Associate Director of Financial Aid
- The Office of Financial Aid at CSUF is driven by a focus on increasing access, commitment to equity, removing barriers, and regulatory compliance
- Financial Aid performed timely outreach to assist applicants with meeting all applicable state and federal filing deadlines
- Financial Aid delivered virtual presentations credited with increasing financial aid applications at CSU Fullerton from last year at a time when applications nationwide were decreasing
 - DREAM act applications declined, but to a smaller degree than what was observed across the state of California
- In the Spring 2021 Term, Financial Aid was able to deploy \$1.3 million in additional aid to assist students in danger of disenrollment continue to make progress towards their degree
- The office has implemented electronic workflows, and provided virtual advising sessions
- This past year, the office was able to award student financial aid a month ahead of schedule, and to include a larger cohort of students with need
- The Financial Aid Office had achieved clean, “zero findings” audits from state and federal regulators including an audit of student emergency grants from CARES
- Federal relief to institutions of Higher Education consisting of three legislative acts: CARES, CRRSSA, and ARP with \$100 million provided to CSUF for emergency student aid
- Lauren Loeb, ASI Chief Governmental Officer, asked if CSUF was providing additional assistance to students with disabilities
 - VP Oseguera replied that federal regulations prevent CSUF from providing targeted relief just to students with disabilities
 - She continued by clarifying that the Financial Aid Office does coordinated outreach with Disability Support Services along with various resource centers serving different student populations to promote equitable access to financial aid resources
- Walker asked if CARES act emergency student aid grants affect the amount of aid students can qualify for
 - Hull responded that CARES act grants does not reduce the amount of aid students can qualify for, though the office does consider all resources when assessing student need
- The committee thanked Financial Aid for their efforts to increase student advising and reduce administrative barriers

5.2 PRBC Resolution for Equitable Funding

- Chair Zarate presented the draft Resolution in Support of Equitable Funding to the PRBC committee for review and comments
 - She opened by asking VP Saks which audiences should be considered when drafting the resolution language
 - VP Saks replied that the resolution is best directed to the Chancellor's Office
 - He went on to report that CSUF has engaged with Orange County Business Council to advocate on behalf of CSUF to address funding inequities. They've sent a letter to this effect to the Chancellor's Office.
 - He also noted that President Virjee continues to advocate on this issue, writing a letter of his own to the Chancellor's Office
- Meyer commented that CSUF continues to deliver excellent results despite comparatively fewer resources. He also advocated for a funding model that allocates new funding with weighting to correct historical inequities.
 - Chair Zarate offered that CSUF's continued academic excellence should not be used to undercut the argument for greater funding to CSUF. Additional funding to CSUF should be seen to reward the success achieved by the institution
- VP Saks noted that funding inequities to CSUF are seen by community as an inequity to the wider orange county area the university serves
- Loeb reported that students also share the view that funding inequities impact CSUF. She also notes that CSUF serves a diverse student body
- Chair Zarate asked if highlighting the number of Pell-eligible students served by CSUF would be an effective strategy
 - There was consensus that the committee pursue other lines of argument
- VP Dabirian asked the committee to consider including a clause distributing the resolution
 - Final distribution list to be determined at Academic Senate
- Mallicoat wondered if there was an opportunity to discuss objectives CSUF cannot achieve due to the funding inequities.
 - The committee discussed possible approaches to highlight this point outside of the resolution
- M/S/P Meyer, Yong: motion to approve the resolution passes unanimously

5.3 President's Memo

- Chair Zarate thanked the work of the subcommittee in producing draft principles to help begin the work of producing the PRBC memo to the President
- VP Dabirian asked that AVP Laleh Graylee be included in the working group
- Chair Zarate invited committee members to provide initial input on the ideas collected so far. She noted that there will be additional opportunities to provide feedback in the future

VI. Adjournment

6.1 Adjournment at 2:21 PM

- M/S/P Dabirian, Meyer

FUTURE ITEMS

- Student Mental Health
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Respectfully submitted: Jhofelle Maruzzo, and Oliver Ravela