

PLANNING, RESOURCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 20, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM CP-1060-05

Attendance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aguilar, Aaron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graewingholt, Megan	<input type="checkbox"/> Nagai, Nelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clark, Marcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenkins, Claire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ngo, Chean Chin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dabirian, Amir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim, Danny C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oliver, Pamella
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davis, Anthony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim-Goh, Mikyong	<input type="checkbox"/> Saks, Greg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> de Lijser, Peter	<input type="checkbox"/> Le Grande, Harry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seung, HyeKyeung
<input type="checkbox"/> Forgues, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mallicoat, Stacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virjee, Framroze
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garcia, Danielle representing President Framroze Virjee	<input type="checkbox"/> McConnell, Craig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yong, Emeline
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mickey, Dave (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zarate, Maria Estela

Guests: Adamson, Badal, Balderas, Barnett, Barua, Fontaine, Graylee, Hidalgo, C. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kaira, Kirtman, Leone, Merrill, Rahmatian, Sha, Vigil (for Harry Le Grande)

I. Call to Order

- Chair Mickey called to order at 1:01 PM

II. Announcements

- Seung announced that CSUF will host the inaugural conference of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) on October 5th. The 'Beyond The Classroom Conference' will focus on leadership and professional development and include opportunities to meet undergraduates from other local institutions like CSULA, CSULB, Biola, and Chapman University.

III. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1 Minutes August 30, 2019 (draft)
 - M/S/P Dabirian, Yong

IV. New Business

4.1 President Virjee

President Virjee welcomed new and returning PRBC members and commended the committee's work in the past as well as highlighted the importance of the committee's work in helping guide the University's strategic direction concerning budget priorities. President Virjee highlighted prior accomplishments, including the work in progress on the campus Physical Master Plan, and a to-be-announced comprehensive philanthropic campaign that is already 50% of its set goal. He observed that the University continues to face ongoing challenges from a structural deficit made up in the previous year with one-time transfers from University reserves, and by expectations that future state budgets will include comparatively less general fund support to the CSU than the current budget year. He concluded with a restatement of the

committee's charter, referencing UPS 100.001 q. (2) describing the committee's function "to formulate, review, and recommend policies with respect to the allocation of University resources; to review and make recommendations concerning planning, resources, and budgetary matters to the President and the Academic Senate aligned with strategic priorities and the University's mission.."

4.2 Deans Discussion

Sheryl Fontaine, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Professor of English

Marie Johnson, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Lisa Kirtman, Dean, College of Education

Dale A. Merrill, Dean College of Arts

Susamma Barua, Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Chair Mickey invited Deans, in an open format, to present issues of concern to PRBC. Among issues discussed included:

- Support for physical plant improvements including the need for classrooms outfitted with current technologies
- Supporting our international students
- Continuing reliance on Instructional Student Assistants (ISAs)
- Challenge in managing operational budgets that are on a different timeline from the state budget funding cycle
- Faculty replacement rates set at some time in the past and whether it is now appropriate to consider re-benching these rates
- Support for compulsory Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) related costs
- Reviewing units' needs for Operations and Expense (O&E) against the baseline budget
- Reviewing units' needs for part-time faculty against the baseline budget
- Complexity of budget justification requirements to accompany petitions for approval of new course offerings
- Student perceived diminishment of staff support and related service levels

Some possible solutions discussed included:

- Budgetary support to employ graduate students with graduate student fee waivers in place of hiring part-time lecturers
- Explore a tiered fee system by major
- Expanding discretionary uses of miscellaneous course fees
 - Vice President Kim noted that change to miscellaneous course fee use is possible but must be enacted through the formalized fee process that incorporated input from all stakeholders, including students
- Encouraging inter college collaboration through PRBC

The committee was encouraged to explore options that did not involve levying additional fees on students. It was noted that students bear financial costs beyond students fees in order to pursue their education and that increased fees inevitably makes higher education less accessible to all.

In response, President Virjee acknowledged the divide between aspiration and practical reality. He observed that the previous year saw gains in numerous areas, including the hiring of 52 new faculty, the promotion of 29 faculty, the use of GI 2025 funds to bolster staffing

headcount, upgrades to 45 classrooms, and increasing the active presence of university police on campus. He challenged the committee to assess the University's needs comprehensively, pointing out that each division has many worthy priorities that require university budget. Lastly, he made the case for continued lobbying of the Chancellor's office for additional support.

4.3 Adjournment

- M/S/P Dabirian, Yong at 2:29 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jhofelle Maruzzo and Oliver Ravela