

University Resources Council Minutes (Approved) – September 3rd, 2024 (1st meeting)

Anatol Center

Members in Attendance (25)

Eun Jung Chae for Ju Cheol Moon; Jesse Dillon; Cyndi Farrington; Araceli Gonzalez; Diane Hayashino; Ben Huff; Tasha Hunter; Chris Miller; Will Murray; Sara Nourazari; Avery Olson; Hema Ramachandran; Ali Rezaei; Rene Trevino; Sam Vickovic; Suzanne Perlitsh Wechsler

ASM: Terie Bostic (CLA); Michael Clements (CHHS); Carrie Hernandez (CED); Noah Kelly (library); Jeanine Pociask (CNSM)

Marianne Hata (Asst. VP academic resources);

Praveen Soni (Chair); Dave Whitney (Vice-Chair), Pitiporn Asvapathanagul (Secretary).

Guests in Attendance (4)

Jennifer Asenas; Kagba N Suaray; Tracey Richardson; Tiffanye Vargas

1:03PM	Meeting Called to Order	Praveen
1:03PM	1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of September 3, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The URC September 03, 2024 agenda was moved, seconded and approved with amendments of removing item #10 and #11. 	Will moved & Jesse seconded Approved with amendments
1:35PM	2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of May 7, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The URC May 07, 2024 minutes was moved, seconded and approved. 	Sara/Will/Jesse moved and seconded approved
1:04PM	3. Presentation on the Research Foundation resources and financial information of inflows, outflows, costs etc. for the last three years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSULB Research Foundation is an auxiliary unit, founded in 1956, which can be independently operated to support grants. The Research Foundation has their own payroll, procurement and risk assessment, for example. The Research Foundation also owns research foundation land and building as well as beachside housing. All are not state-owned properties. These include parking fee and office/dock/warehouse rental at the research foundation areas. • The Research Foundation personnel are not unionized, so they can be laid off. For grant related personnel in AY23/24, there were a total of 1,740 hired by the foundation office, which were mostly part-time employed. • For the next year, the Research Foundation plans to spend \$0.5M to repair the Research Foundation building such as HVAC and fire alarm systems, which was built in late 80s or early 90s. • Suzanne asked Tracey to share how CSULB ORED compared to the similar units of different CSU campuses. CSULB ORED is healthy and active on research in the top 5 position compared to other CSU campuses, Tracey shared. Moreover, each campus operates this auxiliary unit differently, that must be compliant with the campus policies. • ORED receives 6% from the total indirect cost to support the funded projects, to fund president funds and faculty awards such as RSCA. 	Tracey Richardson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the smaller number of projects awarded, the total amount of funded projects was increased from AY21/22 to AY22/23 and AY23/24 at the highest of ~\$65.7. • Dave questioned what happened to the foundation revenue exceeded the expenses: The revenue will be put in the reserve, which research foundation works with the CSULB Office of President about various initiatives that can be supported by this reserve, Tracey shared. • Praveen asked if Research Foundation plans to merge with other campus divisions, or shares some personnel. Tracey replied Research foundation shares with other campus divisions for only custodians and program audits for cost-effective and accountability purposes. Research Foundation has no plans to merge with ASI/49er because vast differences of their activities. 	
1:36PM	<p>4. Proposal for a MS in Applied Statistics degree: Option in Data Science, <u>First Reading by Mathematics and Statistics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitiporn & Cyndi moved and seconded to review the proposal. • Applied Statistics has high demand in Southern California for the past 20 years. • The justification for this proposal is to align on what students are taking. • No need for additional resources. The department has enough faculty. An additional faculty was hired last year. Only available resources now will be used. Department and CNSM support this proposal. • The Option will create multidisciplinary opportunity. For example, California Learning lab with COE. This Option also connect with UC Berkeley. UC Berkeley provides tech support and coding through Canvas. • Dr. Suaray, Kagba will handle advising. • This Option does not overlap with future BS in Data Science from COE due to Math contents required. • The program does not require additional resources during the short term. • 60%-70% of students in this Option select comprehensive exam. The rests select thesis as their culminating activity. 	Will Murray & Kagba N Suaray
1:57PM	<p>5. Proposal for a MS in Applied Statistics degree: Option in BioStatistics, <u>First Reading.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library has sufficient support for this Option. • CHHS collaborates with this BioStatistics Option. • No need for additional resources. Only available resources now will be used. Department and CNSM support this proposal. • If BS Biology students would like to take this Option, their math courses must be satisfied. Or else minor/certificate of Biostatistics might be more appropriate with less math requirements. Math requirements are the gate keeper of this program now. 	Will Murray & Kagba N Suaray
2:04PM	<p>6. Proposal for the Discontinuance of the BS in Athletic Training Program, <u>First Reading.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will and sara moved and seconded to review the proposal. • In the past, there were 15 cohorts, but now it is down to 1 cohort. • There are no demands for this program/no students. 	CHHS Asso. Dean Tiffanye Vargas
2:07PM	<p>7. Proposal for the Discontinuance of the BA in Communication Studies: Option in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, <u>First Reading.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will and Jesse moved and seconded to review the proposal. • Only few students choose this option, "Interpersonal & Organizational Communication." Most of them select "General Communication Instead • The option will be dropped. The same courses will be offered/taught, but no "option" on their degree certification displayed. • The department will not admit any students in this Option due to no/low demands. 	Jennifer Asenas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, there are 22 students in this Option. The discontinuance has no impacts to these 22 students because the courses will be offered. 	
2:13PM	8. Proposal for the Discontinuance of the BA in Communication Studies, Option in Culture and Public Affairs Communication, <u>First Reading</u>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara and Dave moved and seconded to review the proposal. Similar rationales are #7, no/low demand of this Option. There are fewer than 20 students in the Option now. Courses will be taught/offered. Not accepting new cohort. 	Jennifer Asenas
2:16PM	9. Introductions all-around of the members of the URC. Meeting Schedule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm to 3pm in Anatol Center. All members introduced themselves. 	All URC members.
2:36PM	10. Adjourn	