

University Resources Council Minutes (Approved) – Feb 04th, 2025 (7th meeting)

Anatol Center

Members in Attendance (23)

Laura Ceia for Rene Trevino; Jesse Dillon; Cyndi Farrington; Araceli Gonzalez; Ben Huff; Anna Kang; Chris Miller; Will Murray; Gavin Newton; Avery Olson; Hema Ramachandran; Sam Vickovic; Suzanne Perlitsh Wechsler

ASM: Terie Bostic (CLA); Staci Freeman (CHHS); Carrie Hernandez (CED); Kelly Noah (Library); Melissa Mata (COB)

Marianne Hata (Asst. VP academic resources); Kara Perkins (AVP Budget & U Svcs; AA)

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

Guests in Attendance (8)

Mary Nguyen; Sylvana Cicero; Arnecia Bryant; Iraida Venegas; Aparna Nayak; Virginia Gray; James Kisiel, Lisa Martin

1:04PM	Meeting Called to Order	Praveen
1:05PM	1. Approval of the agenda – Meeting of February 04, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The February 04, 2025 URC agenda was moved, seconded and approved with amendment by removing items #14-17. 	Avery moved & Sam seconded Approved
2:21PM	2. Approval of the minutes – Meeting of November 19, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November 19, 2024 URC minutes was moved, seconded and approved with amendment of correcting “James”. 	Will moved & Jesse seconded Amended & Approved
1:06PM	3. Presentation on Bob Murphy Access Center services, budget, initiatives, and challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMAC Updates and Student Support: Mary discussed updates about BMAC, including the 2026 requirement for the ATI and its potential impact on academic units. She mentioned that preparations were underway, with the ATS team developing a proposal to support faculty. The proposal includes AI-powered conversion software, templates, and accessibility checkers. Mary also mentioned that current campus contracts would inform vendors about the legal requirement to meet by 2026. • Restructuring Program and Support for Students: Director discussed the restructuring of the BMAC program to include a system technology specialist who conducts research on assistive technology programs. BMAC also hired two case manager positions to focus on the mental health and well-being of students with disabilities. Mary also mentioned the increase in students with autism and the challenges faced in supporting students with disabilities. They reported a budget allocation of \$1.5 million for the general fund and discussed the changes in Title IX regulations. Mary also mentioned the need for disability-related training for staff and the development of a training course. She also discussed the need for a database upgrade and the use of AI to support students. Lastly, Mary mentioned the need for increased support for employment readiness and the collection of data on student learning outcomes. • BMAC Counselor Model and Inclusion: Mary shared the future implementation of a BMAC counselor to college model, which aims to build relationships between faculty, students, and counselors. She also highlighted the Mental Health Support simulation, a tool designed to help learners support students with mental health needs. Mary 	Director Mary Nguyen

	<p>also mentioned the Sunflower campaign, which has seen increased sales of clothing and accessories representing non-apparent disabilities. She emphasized the importance of understanding and supporting students with disabilities, and the need for inclusive campus life and living. Mary also discussed the upcoming legal requirement for accessible digital websites and applications, and the promotion of Universal Design for Learning. She concluded by expressing hope for a world that values disability as powerful and valuable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary shared that while the number of students with learning disabilities has decreased, those with psychological disabilities, such as anxiety and depression, have increased. She is working with donors to request an endowment for disability management counseling and to support students with autism. 	
1:35PM	<p>4. Presentation on Future U Relocation, resources, budget, and challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation Plans and Accessibility Improvements: Sylvana and her team led a discussion about the upcoming relocation of various departments and facilities. The Friendship Walk Stairs will be renovated into a fully accessible wellness path, with construction starting in April and completion by August. The building (USU) will be closed during this time, but students with disabilities will still have access via an elevator. The bookstore area will be shared with HR and Risk Management, and the second floor will be converted into a student seating area. The area outside will become general student seating and lounge space. Many ASI offices will move to Ph-1, with some maintenance and storage facilities also relocating at the rec center. The library will house the e-sports area, and the beach pantry will be located on the lower level. Meeting spaces will be available at the Point, and food vendors will be placed in strategic locations around campus. The discussion also touched on code compliance and accessibility considerations during the relocation process. Department and College can contact Future U for any furniture needed. Campus Food Services Expansion Plans: Future U discussed the plans for the campus food services, including the placement of a coffee box container concept near the College of Business, a trailer for the Nugget and Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, and the expansion of the farmers market. She also mentioned the introduction of hot food vending machines and the potential for food delivery and pick-up services. They confirmed that the food trucks would continue to operate, but at a lower cost due to the investment in trailers. Suzanne also addressed concerns about the cost of food for students, suggesting the use of a commuter meal plan and the potential for a food delivery service. They also mentioned the possibility of partnering with the Food and Consumer Sciences department for cooking classes and programs. 	<p>Ass VP and COO Sylvana Cicero, Arnecia Bryant; Iraida Venegas</p>
2:03PM	<p>5. Proposal for a title change from Minor in Russian To Minor in Russian and Eurasian Studies, <u>Second Reading</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal was approved without further comments or discussion. No further resources needed. 	<p>Chair Aparna Nayak Approved</p>
2:05PM	<p>6. Proposal for a certificate title change from Professional and Conversational Competence for Spanish Heritage Speakers To Professional Competencies for Heritage Spanish Speakers, <u>Second Reading</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal was approved with a discussion of the justification of renaming the title. No further resources needed. 	<p>Chair Aparna Nayak Approved</p>
2:06PM	<p>7. Proposal to change a degree title from BA in Child Development and Family Studies To BS in Child and Family Studies, <u>Second Reading</u>.</p>	<p>Virginia Gray</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal was approved without further questions or discussion. However, the correction is needed for BA, not BS. No further resources needed. 	Approved
2:07PM	<p>8. Proposal for a new BA in Multidisciplinary Sciences, <u>Second Reading</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James and Lisa discussed the potential for a new multidisciplinary science major at the college level, aimed at students who want to explore various areas of science and have flexibility to take electives. The major would have a core across the sciences, two specialist areas, and additional elective courses. Jesse also suggested the possibility of allowing a second bachelor's degree in this major, depending on the level of overlap with other disciplines. The idea was met with interest, with Cal State LA's similar major already having 300 undergraduates. CSULA cannot accommodate all demands. The proposal was approved. 	James Kisiel & Lisa Martin Approved
2:14PM	<p>9. Proposal to change the degree title from BA in International Studies to a BA in Global Studies, <u>First Reading (Attachments 1-5)</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will & Jesse moved and seconded to review the proposal. This is a follow up change after the department name change was approved in Fall 2024. No further resources needed. 	Chair Laura Ceia
2:16PM	<p>10. Proposal to change the title from a Minor in International Studies to a Minor in Global Studies, <u>First Reading (Attachments 1-5)</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avery & Will moved and seconded to review the proposal. This is a follow up change after the department name change was approved in Fall 2024. No further resources needed. 	Chair Laura Ceia
2:20PM	<p>11. URC Member for the CPace Advisory Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was held once per semester. Suzanne was the URC rep in the past and Dave has been on the committee from another role. Cyndi was nominated and accepted the nomination. Cyndi was voted and elected as URC rep to the CPace Advisory Committee. 	Praveen
2:25PM	<p>12. Governor's 2025-2026 Preliminary State Budget, and Implications for the CSU and CSULB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSU Budget Cuts and Tuition Increase: AVP Perkins discussed the proposed cut to the California State University's (CSU) general fund allocation, amounting to \$375 million for the system. AVP expressed concern about the state's revenue projections due to the fires and the potential for tax deferrals. The CSU is planning for a worst-case scenario of an 8% cut to the general fund, with a potential share of \$28 million. The CSU is also considering a 6% tuition increase for 2025-2026 to help offset the cut. However, increasing costs, such as health benefit rate increases and insurance costs, are anticipated to be around \$11 million. The CSU is working with all Vice Presidents and the President to determine the cut size across divisions. University Budget Challenges and Planning: AVP Perkins discussed the university's budget situation, stating that they are planning to hold enrollment flat and are under pressure to do so. She mentioned that CSULB is in a better position than some other campuses, but still face challenges with a shrinking budget. AVP also mentioned that they are working on understanding what types of cuts can be made to protect instruction and student support. She clarified that they do not anticipate layoffs at CSULB, but there may be a hiring freeze and positions may be held vacant. AVP Perkins also discussed the university's reserves, stating that they are enough to pay for about three weeks of salary. AVP Perkins concluded by stating that they will 	AVP Kara Perkins

	meet with all the division ASMs and with academic affairs to discuss budget planning scenarios.	
2:45PM	13. Adjourn	