

Wednesday, January 27, 2021; 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting | Approved on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Name	Association	Voting Privilege ¹	Attendance ²
Julian Brambila	Undergraduate, Chair	X	P
Angelica Garcia	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	LE
Ivan Fernandez	Undergraduate	X	P
Lennin Kuri	Undergraduate	X	P
Yulissa Navarro	Undergraduate	X	P
Hannah Kim	Undergraduate	X	A
Salvador Jr. Olguin	Undergraduate		P
Aaron Walter	Undergraduate		P
Judit Palencia Gutierrez	GSA	X	P
Arielle Manganiello	GSA	X	P
Mark Wiley	GSA	X	P
Jared Smith	GSA		AL
Sabrina Schuster	Staff	X	P
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Rong Hai	Faculty	X	P
Michalis Faloutsos	Faculty	X	P
Luis Huerta	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Nichi Yes	Ex-Officio, GSA President		P
Cathy Eckman	Ex-Officio, VCSA		P
Debra Meneely	Ex-Officio, VCSA		P
Militza Seehaver	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Daisy Rivera	Student Secretary, VCSA		P

¹ “X” indicates voting privilege

² P: Present | A: Absent | AL: Arrived Late | LE: Left Early

Call to Order: **3:00 PM**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2020
 - *Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2020 by Vice Chair Angelica Garcia, Seconded by Judit Palencia Gutierrez*
 - ***Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2020 approved without Objections***
2. Opening Remarks by Vice Chancellor Brian Haynes
 - *Chair Julian Brambila* asked about the reopening for fall quarter and what impact the federal government could have in campuses opening in the fall. Additionally, *Chair Julian Brambila* asked what the state government can do to impede an opening in the fall.
 - *Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Brian Haynes* stated that UC campuses have not fully shut down and have had limited number of students attending in-person classes. *Dr. Brian Haynes* added that local public health officers will be conferred, appropriate health precautions will take place in preparation for reopening fall quarter of 2021-2022 at UCR, and the decision of reopening will be based on each individual campus and the current status to the pandemic in the specific location.
 - *Dr. Brian Haynes* informed the committee that the goal of UCR is to provide vaccines to all of the UCR community and that vaccines are currently being offered on campus to frontline workers.
 - *Jared Smith* asked if there is a date in the summer by which the campus community will know for certain that Fall 2021 will be in-person? *Dr. Brian Haynes* responded that the plan is to have determinations made long before fall quarter are in place.
 - *Nichi Yes* asked how the university plans to approach preparedness for the possibility of an emergency shutdown in the case of another major COVID-19 outbreak. *Dr. Brian Haynes* responded that there are a number of committees, such as the public health committee, working day by day to have reopening plans, such as health and safety precaution plans, in place to mitigate another spread.
 - *Yulissa Navarro* inquired about vaccination availability and if the university will be requiring students to be vaccinated before returning and/or moving to campus. *Dr. Brian Haynes* responded that in efforts to maintain transparency, UCR has not made a decision as to whether a vaccine will be required. *Dr. Brian Haynes* maintained that due to the involvement of many UCR leadership, personnel, and health officials, the decision continues to be in progress.
 - *Michalis Faloutsos* asked what key factors concern *Dr. Haynes* and how SSFAC can assist. *Dr. Brian Haynes* expressed his gratitude and recognized the work of SSFAC as a support to student success, adding that as UCR navigates through the pandemic and attempts to experience a post-pandemic program, SSFAC has funded programs that have helped students be successful. *Dr. Brian Haynes* continued by stating that the tough decision will be selecting which programs to fund considering the budget reduction.
 - *Michalis Faloutsos* inquired about the collection of data directly from students and if that may be of assistance in the decision-making process of which programs to fund. *Dr. Brian Haynes* responded that not many schools are conducting research on the topic regarding how students are feeling during the pandemic but supports the idea of considering conducting a campus-wide survey.
 - *Cathy Eckman* reminded the committee that there is a survey that is used every year, UCUES, which UCR uses to conduct campus-wide surveys about the student experience.
 - *Jared Smith* inquired about the possibility to coordinate with student government (ASUCR and GSA) to distribute polling or questionnaires. *Jared Smith* added that SSFAC utilizes student fee money, thus being imperative to consult students, given the unprecedented

situation. *Nichi Yes* informed the committee that Instructional Continuity intends to email students a survey regarding the student experience during fall quarter of 2021-2022.

- *Dr. Brian Haynes* suggested that *Dr. Harris* be invited to the committee and present about their student research. *Dr. Haynes* expressed interest in presenting at a future meeting to discuss student concerns about returning to campus in the fall of 2021-2022.
- *Chair Julian Brambila* agreed that the committee as a whole can engage with ASUCR student government, as *Vice Chair Angelica Garcia* is also part of ASUCR and can assist in the outreach process to gain a better perspective of how UCR students are experiencing the pandemic.
- *Vice Chancellor Brian Haynes* extended his thanks and gratitude to the budgeting department on their hard work and welcomed *Stephanie Flores* of Financial Planning and Analysis to present.

3. Presentation by Financial Planning and Analysis on Budget – Financial Update

- *Stephanie Flores* thanked the committee as a whole for their hard work and began the presentation of the Budget Cut Process, which asked each organization to project 10% to 15% cuts. *Stephanie Flores* informed the committee that, on average, there is expected to be an 11% to 12% budget cut across the board.
- *Cathy Eckman* stated that Student Affairs cut was 15% of all core funds.
- *Stephanie Flores* summarized that the governor's budget is the first step in the state's budgeting process for fiscal year of 2021-2022. *Stephanie Flores* explained that at the start of June, UCR intends to finalize the budget for next fiscal year, adding that the budget may be more abundant than projected from 6 months ago. *Stephanie Flores* also advised that UCR intends to move forward with 15% budget cuts and FP&A continues to encourage organizations to prepare for a situation in which the budget reductions take place.
- *Stephanie Flores* explained that the end of the pandemic is unknown but UCR is hopeful that the return to in-person classes will also help the campus budgeting start to recover but that the positive effects may not be seen for another nine to eighteen months. *Stephanie Flores* informed the committee that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is experiencing difficulty in figuring how to conduct the reimbursement process because national emergencies have not lasted as long as the COVID pandemic. *Stephanie Flores* advised that if FEMA reimburses 100% of UCR expenses, the school could use FEMA funds to provide on-campus vaccines.
- *Stephanie Flores* stated that possible future changes could include cohort tuition, given that UCR is the least funded in comparison to other UC campuses and the issue has reached the regents, which have been working on making the budget model more equitable.
- *Jared Smith* inquired if the closing of the equity gap requirement applied to graduate degree completion rates, or only to undergraduate. *Stephanie Flores* responded that the presentation information was currently applicable to undergraduate students.
- *Michalis Faloutsos* inquired how much enrollment would need to increase by to offset the deficit, as increasing remote learning opportunities could decrease the student cost. *Stephanie Flores* responded that if a state-resident student receives approximately \$11,442, none of the funds will be allotted for student growth. *Stephanie Flores* added that the school does not have the infrastructure in place to assist over-enrollment.
- *Jared Smith* inquired if there are any provisions made to essential and non-essential staff, as there are students requiring services and several departments have been understaffed long before the budget reductions. *Stephanie Flores* responded that regents are becoming aware of the issue and that faculty had to be cut as a result of the underfunding, adding that it is a difficult decision to have to make but UCR athletics, for example, required \$10 million in funding which the school did not have available.

- *Cathy Eckman* explained to the committee that UCR does not have the infrastructure and Information Technology (IT) has had to conduct lay-offs, adding that many support areas have been seriously affected.
4. Approve the Agenda
 - *Motion to Approve the Agenda by Yulissa Navarro, Seconded by Michalis Faloutsos*
 - ***Agenda Approved without Objections***
 5. Chair Comments
 - *Chair Julian Brambila* reminded the committee that Council on Student Fees (CSF) will be having a meeting on Sunday, February 7th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 - *Cathy Eckman* reminded the committee of important documents to review such as the Budget Cut Process documents (BAC), as it shows the strategy and philosophy that UCR leadership has used in decision-making based on investments and reductions.
 - *Militza Seehaver* informed the committee that *Chair Julian Brambila* had planned an SSFAC meeting to take place on February 10th, 2021 and advised the committee members to add it to their calendars.
 - *Chair Julian Brambila* explained to the committee that the meeting will be in regard to reviewing the SSFAC application process and other related matters.
 6. Walk- on Items
 - N/A
 7. Adjourn: **4:11 PM**
 - *Motion to Adjourn by Nichi Yes, Seconded by Sabrina Schuster.*
Adjournment Approved without Objections.