

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022; 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting | Meeting Minutes Approved on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Name	Association	Voting Privilege <sup>1</sup>	Attendance <sup>2</sup>
Yulissa Navarro	Undergraduate, Chair	X	P
Victor Garcia	Undergraduate	X	A
Chukwufunaya Ikechukwu	Undergraduate	X	A
Jeanine Nassar	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Ava Ham	Undergraduate		P/LE
Shih Ching Lee	Undergraduate		P
David Nikom	Graduate	X	P
Jose Alvarez	Graduate	X	P
Madona Masoud	Graduate		A
Rong Hai	Faculty	X	P/LE
	Faculty	X	
	Staff	X	
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Mufida Assaf	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Ivett Gabriella	Ex-Officio, GSA President		A
Luisa Levario	Ex-Officio, VCSA		P
	Staff Support, VCSA		
Angela Chien	Student Secretary, VCSA		P/AL

<sup>1</sup> “X” indicates voting privilege

<sup>2</sup> P: Present | A: Absent | AL: Arrived Late | LE: Left Early

Call to Order: **2:09 PM**

1. Approve the Agenda
  - *Motion to Approve the Agenda by David Nikom, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.*
    - ***Agenda Approved without Objections***
2. Dr. Haynes' Opening Remarks and Introductions
  - Dr. Haynes welcomed the new committee and provided a brief bio of his experience. Dr. Haynes gave a few highlights of the incoming class and thank the committee for their work.
3. FP&A Campus Budget Presentation
  - *Stephanie Flores* and *Kanisha Robinson* of Financial Planning & Analysis presented an overview of the campus budget and fundamentals which includes the revenue and expenses for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022, projected revenue and expenses for the fiscal year 2022 – 2023, major core revenue variables, state permanent budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023, state-funded UG FTE, budget models on revenue distribution of core tuition and non-resident tuition by student type, and summary of student fees for undergraduate and graduate students.
  - *David Nikom* inquired about the Student Tuitions and Fees amount and subsequently, the All Funds Revenue amount for the fiscal year 2022.
  - *Stephanie Flores* clarified that Student Tuition and Fees amount is just under 3 hundred million dollars, and 20% of the student tuition and fees include Student Service Fees, Course Fees, etc. *Stephanie Flores* also stated that the State Department of Education would not fund the UC System unless the tuition was kept flat, and the amount of tuition is subject to change by the Regent's approval. UC campuses receive funding through UCOP Rebranching Model, and it is based on FTE (full time equivalent) which is 45 credit units per academic year per student. The Vice Provost Office and Administration have been working to increase the number of FTE as it has been lower than head counts (number of students) in the past years.
  - *David Nikom* questioned the reasons why undergraduate students have been taking fewer credits.
  - *Stephanie Flores* stated that the campus had held a campaign in prior years to find out the real reason. During the Covid-19 pandemic, students were taking more courses in the Summer quarter than in the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters to stay on track. Another aspect is that students are required to take a minimum of 12-unit credits to be eligible for financial aid, though it costs the same for 15 units credits.
  - *David Nikom* clarified that students enrolled more frequently with lesser credits than enrolled at full-time with 15-unit credits or more.
  - *Stephanie Flores* affirmed David Nikom's statement. The decrease in the FTE is equivalent to 12 million dollars of funding. There has been a big effort to reengage students and advisors.

- *Sally Tavizon* commented in agreement and stated that students are having difficulty returning from the pandemic due to balancing additional responsibilities on top of returning to school in-person.
- *Ava Ham* inquired difference between a student with 15-unit credits and a student with 17-unit credits.
- *Stephanie Flores* answered that a student with 17-unit credits accounts for 1 FTE and more.
- *David Nikom* inquired of how much Student Service Fee budget comes from undergraduate and graduate student.
- *Stephanie Flores* answered that revenues for the undergraduate student body and graduate student body are collected separately. A rough estimate would be 80:20, undergraduate student body to graduate student body.

#### 4. Vice Chair Discussion (Nominations and Questions)

- *David Nikom* inquired about the time commitment required for the role of Vice Chair.
- *Chair Yulissa Navarro* answered that the responsibilities are manageable as the Vice Chair essentially supports the Chair's efforts. *Angela Chien* gave an insight into what the Vice Chair would be responsible for in the case of agenda packets and meeting minutes.
- *Chair Yulissa Navarro* inquired the Committee on the wording for question #4 of the Vice Chair Nomination questions and gave the options to reword or eliminate the question. *Chair Yulissa Navarro* reminded the Committee of its influence on allocations, not on the amount of funding the Committee receives for allocations. *Chair Yulissa Navarro* proposed to ask question #4 in the context of a budget shortfall.
- *David Nikom* affirmed *Chair Yulissa Navarro's* proposal and suggested asking question #4 in a categorized context.
- *Chair Yulissa Navarro* opened up the floor for nominations and questions.
- *Jose Alvarez* self-nominated.

#### 5. Open Comments

- *David Nikom* inquired about the possibility to propose a reduction on the Student Services Fee for Graduate Students. He noticed that the fee is almost the same for undergraduates and graduates.
- *Luisa Levario* noted that the student service fee is a UC systemwide fee and is managed by the Office of the President and approved by the Regents. She would inquire about the process for proposing a reduction on the Student Service Fee.
- *David Nikom* question if the fees ever increase or decrease.
- *Luisa Levario* answered that student service fee has historically increased, and the process depends on if the fee is a campus fee or a systemwide fee. Campus fees are subject to fluctuate and are voted on by students via the referendum process. *Chair Yulissa Navarro* noted that ASUCR's External Affairs body is involved with the referendum process and initiatives.

6. Chair Comments

- *Chair Yulissa Navarro* reminded the Committee that the deadline for nominations is October 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 PM. After nominations, nominees will receive a confirmation email confirming if they choose to accept the nomination or not. Nominees will have a week to accept or deny their nomination. Nominees can also be self-nominated too.
- *Chair Yulissa Navarro* reminded the Committee of the Slack channel. It is currently in the works.

7. Adjourn: **3:23 PM**

- *Motion to Adjourn by Jeanine Nassar, Seconded by Jose Alvarez.*
  - *Adjournment Approved without Objections.*