Monday, October 23rd, 2023; 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Meeting Minutes
HUB 256 | Meeting Minutes Approved on January 22nd, 2024

Name	Association	Voting Privilege[1]	Attendance[2]
Jose Alvarez	Graduate, Chair	X	P
Shih Ching Lee	Undergraduate	X	P
Chukwufunaya Ikechukwu	Undergraduate	X	P
Ruhi Barman	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Grace Su	Undergraduate	X	P
Andrew Wong	Undergraduate		A
	Undergraduate		
David Nikom	Graduate	X	P
	Graduate		
Rong Hai	Faculty	X	P/AL
Scott Currie	Faculty	X	P
Victor Moreira	Staff	X	A
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Ankita Ahluwalia	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Ivett Gabriella	Ex-Officio, GSA President		P
Luisa Levario	Ex-Officio, VCSA		A
Luis Alvarez	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Alice Chavez	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Angela Chien	Student Secretary, VCSA		P

[1] "X" indicates voting privilege
[2] P: Present | A: Absent | AL: Arrived Late | LE: Left Early

Call to Order: **3:10 PM**

1. Approve the Agenda
   - *Motion to Approve the Agenda Ruhi Barman, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.*
     - **Agenda Approved Without Objections**

2. Approve Meeting Minutes – October 16th, 2023
   - *Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of October 16th, 2023 by Ruhi Barman, Seconded by Scott Currie.*
     - **Meeting Minutes of October 16th, 2023 Approved Without Objections**

3. Approve Meeting Minutes – October 23rd, 2023
   - *Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of October 23rd, 2023 by Ruhi Barman, Seconded by Rong Hai.*
     - **Meeting Minutes of October 23rd, 2023 Approved Without Objections**

4. Financial Planning & Analysis Presentation with Director Stephanie Flores
   - *Director Stephanie Flores* presented to the Committee regarding UCR's budget and finance fundamentals, including but not limited to, core revenues and expenditures, drivers of budget, UCOP assessment fees, rebenching models, and full-time equivalents (FTE).
   - *David Nikom* inquired of what percentage of the student service fee/student tuition in the $742 million core revenue are student service fees and student tuition. *Director Stephanie Flores* noted that student service fees comprise $30 million, while tuition comprise $300 million.
   - *Ivett Gabriella* asked for clarification on the 1.5 multiplier for weighted students. *Director Stephanie Flores* noted that through the rebenching model, students are classified under the categories of science, undergraduate, and graduate. Science students have a multiplier of 5.0, undergraduate students have a multiplier of 1, and graduate students have a multiplier of 2.5. Under the undergraduate category, students from regular high schools have a multiplier of 1, and students from Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) high schools have a multiplier of 1.5.
   - *Ivett Gabriella* questions on what basis are students considered full time and part time. *Director Stephanie Flores* answered that the amount of FTEs are calculated by dividing the total amount of units being taken by the entire student body by 45, the units of a full-time status across 3 quarters. Students are encouraged to take more than 15 units as it attracts more funding.

5. Welcome Remarks from Dr. Haynes
   - *Dr. Haynes* welcomed the new committee and thanked the Committee for its dedication towards setting up students for success towards graduation. *Dr*

Haynes emphasized that activities and programs across campus are SSFAC-driven, highlighting the weight of SSFAC deliberations.

- Chair *Jose Alvarez* inquired about the new housing development, North District Phase 2. *Dr. Haynes* answered that the housing effort by UCR and Riverside Community College (RCC) to bridge community colleges and universities is a first in the United States. North District Phase 2 will house 1,500 students, and beds will be split in half between RCC and UCR students. According to *Dr. Haynes*, a meeting with RCC is underway to discuss the extent to which students of RCC engage with campus, such as, club organizations, departments, faculty, and services. *Sally Tavizon* noted that such discussion is important for SSFAC budget deliberations as it explores the implication in student success and what preparations are necessary for anticipatory needs and scenarios.
- *Dr. Haynes* expressed interest in returning to the Committee to discuss more about the collaboration between RCC and UCR. Chair *Jose Alvarez* welcomed Dr. Haynes to future meetings.
- *David Nikom* asked about ideas – from leadership and for students – to increase undergraduate enrollment. *Dr. Haynes* replied that while students typically enroll in 14.4 units, it is necessary for students take 15 units. The effort to connect community colleges and universities is also to increase student enrollment. Moreover, due to concerns that in-state students are more likely to go out-of-state for higher education, UCOP legislature has worked to put a ceiling on out-of-state enrollment to create more in-state competition.
- *Ivett Gabriella* inquired if students enrolled in summer sessions are weighted the same in terms of enrollment count. *Dr. Haynes* negates and re-emphasizes the need for 15 units per students during the normal school year. Additionally, *Dr. Haynes* noted that LCFF high schools consist of more disadvantaged students, therefore, students from LCFF high schools are weighted differently. UCOP allocates more money to schools with higher LCFF students enrollment.

6. Vice Chair Interviews and Voting
   - The Committee interviewed *Fuanaya Ikechukwu* with the following questions previously drafted and established by the Committee as a whole:
     - What prior experience with managing budgets, student outreach, or otherwise do you have to bring to this role?
     - What are your plans with regards to a potential improvement in the organization and communication within SSFAC?
     - What are your strategic goals for SSFAC this year and how do you plan to represent UC Riverside at CSF meetings?
     - In the case of a budget shortfall, how would you go about prioritizing student needs and department allocations?
     - How would you deal with internal conflicts within the Committee? Provide an example of how you have handled past conflicts in a previous position?

- What challenges do you think undergraduate and graduate students are currently facing that relate to the Student Services Fee?
- How do you plan to disseminate the information and efforts of SSFAC across campus through a virtual format?
- How do you view the role of the Vice Chair as it relates to the Chair position and what do you expect to gain from this role?
- The Committee interviewed *Funanya Ikechukwu* and submitted a vote while *Funanya Ikechukwu* waited outside the meeting room, with either "Yes" or "No." Upon receiving and verifying the number of votes with the number of voting members present, Student Secretary *Angela Chien* shared the results of election.
  - **Voting Results**
    - Funanya Ikechukwu: **7 votes**
    - Abstain: **0 vote**
    - ***Funanya Ikechukwu was elected as SSFAC Vice Chair for the Academic School Year of 2023 - 2024 by a majority vote.***
  - The Committee as a whole congratulated Vice Chair *Funanya Ikechukwu*.

7. Vote for New Committee Member
   - SSFAC is in need of one new Undergraduate Member and one new Graduate Member to replace the 2022-2023 Committee Members who did not return. After careful consideration and evaluation of the applicants, the Committee has selected a total of one Undergraduate Member to appoint for now.
     - Undergraduate Member
       - Cameron Springer
         - *Motion to Appoint Cameron Springer as an Undergraduate Voting Member by Sally Tavizon, Seconded by Rong Hai*
           - **Voting Results**
             - **Yea: 8**
             - **Nay: 0**
             - **Abs.: 0**
           - ***Cameron Springer appointed as Undergraduate Non-Voting Alternate Member.***

8. Open Comments
   - *Ruhi Barman* reminded the Committee that alongside conversations regarding RCC and UCR, there has also been a project in deliberation for Riverside Stem Academy. Chair *Jose Alvarez* stated that student organizations and departments are critical to students' completion of degrees and engagement on campus.

9. Chair Comments
   - Chair *Jose Alvarez* expressed the desire to begin tabling as soon as possible and implored the Committee to suggest ideas on how to attract student

engagement. Chair *Jose Alvarez* also noted that tabling can be utilized to help student committee members fulfill attendance requirements.

10. Adjourn: **4:35 PM**
- *Motion to Adjourn by Ruhi Barman, Seconded by Scott Currie.*
  - ***Adjournment Approved without Objections.***