

Monday, February 3rd, 2025; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Hinderaker 0154 | Meeting Minutes
Approved on February 24th, 2025

Name	Association	Voting Privilege ¹	Attendance ²
Chukwufunanya Ikechukwu	Undergraduate, Chair	X	P
Nadia Aierken	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Phoebe Lee	Undergraduate, Vice Chair	X	P/LE
Grace Su	Undergraduate	X	P/LE
Andrew Wong	Undergraduate		P
Rishika Salvi	Undergraduate		P
Paula Cucurella	Graduate	X	P
Chandana Anand Rangappa	Graduate	X	P
Tatenda Nicole Mukruva	Graduate		P
Coleen Macnamara	Faculty	X	P
Scott Currie	Faculty	X	P
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Sarah Dillon	Staff	X	P
Abby Choy	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Jordan Steinhauser	Ex-Officio, GSA President		P/LE
Luisa Levario	Ex-Officio, VCSA		A
Luis Alvarez	Staff Support, VCSA		A
Alice Alcantara	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Sarai Sierra	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Maritza Grissom	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Angela Chien	Student Secretary, VCSA		P
Emily Lee	Student Secretary, VCSA		P

¹ “X” indicates voting privilege

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

Call to Order: **11:02 AM**

1. Approve the Agenda

- *Motion to Approve the Agenda by Andrew Wong, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.*
 - ***Agenda Approved Without Objections***

2. LGBT Resource Center – Subcommittee A

- Director *Nancy Tubbs*, *Dr. Jimenez*, and *John Valdez* introduced themselves to the Committee. *Nancy Tubbs* gave a brief overview of LGBTRC's contributions which included 273 activities and programs conducted on campus with 11 thousand students in attendance.
- *Nancy Tubbs* explained that SSF funds were able to provide support towards professional staff salaries, allowing HESSR funds to be carried forward towards programmatic support and for SSFAC sources not to be needed. *Nancy Tubbs* also noted that Impact23 makes it challenging to move money, track budget, and process events in Concur. LGBTRC also experienced a pro-staff turnover with extended unavailability, inhibiting one-on-one student support and referrals for mental health and basic needs. *Nancy Tubbs* outlined further struggles LGBTQ students may face due to new executive orders which may accumulate to psychological impact on the students. *Nancy Tubbs* discussed the LGBTRC Funding Commitment to the HWS Case Manager in which LGBTRC will provide 30k in TEMP funds annually for three years; in return, the position will be held 8-10 hours per week inside of LGBTRC.
- *Sally Tavizon* commended *Nancy Tubbs* for LGBTRC's work and offered support to further address the impact and issues seen across campus.

3. Middle Eastern Student Center – Subcommittee A

- Director *Gine Wineas* gave a brief introduction of MESC's mission statement: building education, supporting, and community with SWANA – a decolonial and inclusive term to address the North African and middle Eastern population – at UCR and for MESC graduates to expand these beliefs to the community.
- *Gine Wineas* presented MESC's programs including SWANA Conference – a conference hosted 3 times in the past and funded by SSFAC for the past 3 years. The event hosts a great number of students from inside and outside UCR, enriching the students with workshops and guest speakers. *Gine Wineas* added that due to heightened student interest, MESC denied 50 students this year due to high expenses for food and guest speakers. *Gine Wineas* also expressed interest in Graduate and Alumni Programming, where MESC could gain a graduate student assistant in the office. However, the program could not be initiated due to MESC being funded by HESSR, which cannot be spent on graduate funding.
- *Nadia Aierken* commended *Gine Wineas* for the presentation and asked what the budget contribution is from other schools for the SWANA Conference.

Gine Wineas replied that UCR pays for everything. SWANA Conference is hosted at UCR's campus and is co-organized by other schools. In past years, schools have contributed by donating supplies and paying for students' transportation and lodging. The long-term goal is to have a rotating conference, giving other schools a chance to host and fund the event.

- *Sarah Dillon* asked how many UCR students attend SWANA Conference. *Gine Wineas* answered that UCR students apply to attend and have received 91 applications. However, there were cases where students could cancel or attend at the last minute due to proximity.
- *Paula Cucurella* asked how much MESC pays their guest speakers. *Gine Wineas* replied that guest speakers are paid with performance agreements. Adjustments are made depending on how involved their performance is to the students. *Paula Cucurella* asked if MESC charges a registration fee. *Gine Wineas* replied that the department has considered a small charge.
- *Sally Tavizon* commended the idea of the graduate and alumni focus groups and asked if MESC was considering opening a funding donation for alumni. *Gine Wineas* replied they have been gathering alumni data and expressed enthusiasm about the idea. *Sally Tavizon* offered an insight into UCR Advancement to be utilized as a resource.

4. Native American Student Program – Subcommittee A

- *Director Joshua Gonzalz* introduced himself to the Committee and opened about the contribution NASP has made towards the indigenous students on campus. NASP organized events such as the “Healing the Earth” Conference, and Pow Wow, all which were student initiated and have become a staple in their department. *Joshua Gonzalz* expressed interest in opening six to ten student assistant positions to work in the office to help build their professional careers.
- *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* asked if the request for 57k is allocated just for attendees or if there will be more students attending. *Joshua Gonzalez* responded that the 57k is for community members, family, future donors, and students who frequent NASP. *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* asked how many people attend NASP graduation. *Joshua Gonzalez* estimated 125 students.
- *Scott Curie* asked where Pow Wow is located. *Joshua Gonzalez* responded that it is a three-day event held over a memorial weekend and that due to a greater number of attendees, Pow Wow moved its location from on-campus to the softball field.
- *Paula Cucurella* asked if NASP is utilizing HESSR to fund the banquet. *Joshua Gonzalez* explained that HESSR is aimed at undergraduate students and due to graduate student involvement, they are requesting additional funds from SSFAC.
- *Rishika Salvi* asked about attendance at the conferences. *Joshua Gonzalez* replied that because the conferences are open to the community, numbers may vary from 125 to 250 students. *Joshua Gonzalez* emphasized the importance of student engagement at conferences as it allows students to gain experience planning, organizing and facilitating events.

- *Sally Tavizon* asked to what degree has NASP collaborated with other schools on campus for tabling events. *Joshua Gonzalez* responded that NASP has completed tabling events in previous years and that SOM and CNAS have participated in some of the conferences as it is also an opportunity for them to promote their school. *Sally Tavizon* suggested that Student Policy and the School of Education may be open to collaboration for future conferences.

5. Student Conduct – Subcommittee B

- *Asst. Director Maya Moore* and *Asst. Director Kyle McStay* introduced Student Conduct's guiding principles of investigating and adjudicating violations of the student conduct code. Student Conduct trains sanction officers and consultation meetings to help manage sexual assault cases as well as organize student conduct committees where members are recruited, staffed, and trained yearly. *Maya Moore* added that two developmental programs have been created, the Academic Integrity Seminar – a student led discussion to cement what they learned about Student Conduct's policies and the Academic Integrity Meeting – an in-depth presentation highlighting how academic dishonesty affects students' futures. *Kyle McStay* informed the Committee that despite Student Conduct not being a programming office, the administration offers benefits to students in three key categories. (1) Student Conduct verified information when meeting with students about misconduct and ensures the student's due process is met, protected, and upheld. (2) *Kyle McStay* stated students can benefit from leadership opportunities through positions such as students chair who lead committee meetings that may result in suspension or dismissal of students. (3) Student Conduct helped maintain overall community standards and helps students protect their degree and the university's reputation. *Kyle McStay* expressed concern as Student Conduct received little funding despite managing hundreds of students annually through an online database. Lack of funds could lead to seminars and committee meetings falling under the leadership of professional staff, taking away student leadership opportunities.
- *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* asked if the 10k request for mandated travel solely for students or staff. *Kyle McStay* replied it is towards staff training due to several policies Student Conduct operates under, mandating that staff must train in several areas. However, training is rotated amongst staff due to funds dispersion. *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* asked if the UCR can fund this as it is directed towards professional staff instead of students. *John Valdez* stated that the PERM budget helps cover the costs, such as MOU with housing, however, it is not enough.
- *Nadia Aierken* asked what percentage of staff gets trained annually. *Maya Moore* responded at most that 50% get trained yearly. *Kyle McStay* included two to three staff is retrained yearly.
- *Sarah Dillon* asked if Simplicity is used by all UC systems. *Maya Moore* affirmed.
- *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* asked if trainings are held in California or out of state. *Kyle McStay* replied it depends on the organization, if it is close-by

Student Conduct can send more staff. However, in past years, professional training has occurred out of state.

6. Open Comments

- N/A

7. Approve Meeting Minutes – January 24th, 2025

- *Sarah Dillon* noted *Sarah Dillon*’s last name is misspelled.
- *Angela Chien* noted that January 24th, 2025, Meeting Minutes should be changed to November 20th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.
- *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* noted that the Committee will vote for Chair and Vice Chair in the Spring Quarter.
- *Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of January 24th, 2025, by Andrew Wong, Seconding by Paula Cucurella.*
 - ***Meeting Minutes of January 24th, 2025, Approved Without Objections***

8. Chair Comments

- *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* announced that Subcommittee A presentations are ending and advised Subcommittee A to come together to deliberate questions to send to the respective departments. *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* added that subcommittee chairs will be instituted to ensure a streamlined process. *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* enacted *Sally Tavizon* as Subcommittee A Chair, *Rishika Salvi* as Subcommittee B Chair, *Chandana Anand Rangappa* as Subcommittee C Chair, and *Andrew Wong* as Subcommittee D Chair.
- *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* referred to the department presentation schedule included in the agenda packet, as updates in subcommittee milestones and responsibilities are scheduled weekly throughout Winter Quarter. *Sarah Dillon* asked if Subcommittee B’s deadline will be due in Spring Quarter as ITS will be presenting during Week 1 of Spring Quarter. *Chair Funanya Ikechukwu* changed the Subcommittee B deadlines to Week 2 of Spring Quarter.

9. Adjourn: **12:42 PM**

- *Motion to Adjourn by Rishika Salvi, Seconded by Chandana Annand Rangappa*
 - ***Adjournment Approved without Objections.***