

Monday, January 26th, 2026; 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Hinderaker 0154 | Meeting Minutes
Approved on February 9, 2026

Name	Association	Voting Privilege ¹	Attendance ²
Andrew Wong	Undergraduate, Chair	X	P
Kaden Ho	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Grace Su	Undergraduate	X	P
Ananya Goyal	Undergraduate	X	A
Shlok Garg	Undergraduate		A
Amrit Johal	Undergraduate		A
Chandana Anand Rangappa	Graduate	X	P
Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva	Graduate, Vice Chair	X	P
Gene Brewer	Faculty	X	P
Zhijia Zhao	Faculty	X	P
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	AL/P
Leila Haidar	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Jordan Steinhauser	Ex-Officio, GSA President		A
Luis Alvarez	Ex-Officio, VCSA		A
David Barrera	Staff Support, 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: 9:08 AM

1. Approve the Agenda
 - *Motion to Approve the Agenda by Kaden Ho, Seconded by Gene Brewer.*
 - ***Agenda Approved Without Objections***
2. Stephanie Flores – Executive Director, Financial Planning and Analysis
 - Executive Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, *Stephanie Flores*, introduced herself to the Committee and began discussing the UCR Budget Overview for the FY 26-27. *Stephanie Flores* noted that UCR Budget FY26-27 consists of \$60.7 billion dollars with student tuition fees and state appropriations making up UCR's highest percentage of revenue. *Stephanie Flores* noted that UCR is underfunded compared to other UC campuses but models such as Rebenching 95%, cohort tuition, and over-enrollment fees can assist the UCR budget. *Stephanie Flores* also introduced the four main revenue sources – student tuition fees, state funds, F&A, and non-resident funds – that make up UCR's CORE funds and how they fund undergraduate financial aid, graduate school funding, campus-wide projects and more. *Stephanie Flores* added that student tuition is driven by enrollment, highlighting the importance of high student admissions to increase the budget. Additionally, non-resident tuition is driven by out-of-state and international student enrollment. To increase non-resident admissions, *Stephanie Flores* noted that tuition fees for 50% of the students are waived according to UCOP policy. *Stephanie Flores* also stated that the UCR's Operating Budget is also comprised of four types of funding – permanent funds, temporary funds, carry forward balances, and campus allocations – and explained the distinction between each funding source. *Stephanie Flores* began to discuss revenue distributions amongst undergraduate and graduate students. *Stephanie Flores* noted that the undergraduate tuition formula consists of weighing undergraduate workload and headcount, with a similar model reflected in the graduate tuition formula. With UCR considered as an R1 institution, *Stephanie Flores* also noted that F&A's main purpose is to support PI and departmental efforts to perform research.
 - *Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva* asked why PhD programs at the School of Business have been discontinued due to lack of funding. *Stephanie Flores* answered that there may be fewer programs in the School of Business as they prioritize master's programs. *Stephanie Flores* also added that PhD programs within other departments have been stable over time and expressed the importance of high PhD student enrollment to conduct research and hold TA positions to assist in undergraduate courses.
 - *Stephanie Flores* discussed the timeline of the State Budget Process, University of California Budget Process and the UCR Budget that is held with the new Chancellor and interim Vice Chancellor. *Stephanie Flores* underwent the details pertaining to the proposal process, budget integration, draft consolidation, and the finalization of the budget with approval to be

implemented for the next fiscal year. *Stephanie Flores* responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether the current budget has experienced any deficits due to the administration. *Stephanie Flores* elaborated that the ongoing budget processes will reflect a time of discussion regarding the campus budget and its funding priorities. UC campuses cannot control their revenue sources, only student enrollment. With state funding changed greatly over past years, *Stephanie Flores* stated that UCR will remain conscious of what needs to be spent or carried over onto the next fiscal year. *Stephanie Flores* added that the presentation slides are available on FPA's website and is open to adding reports that can help achieve transparency with the student body.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes – November 5th, 2025
 - *Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of November 5th, 2025, by Grace Su, Seconded by Tatenda Nicole Mukuruva.*
 - ***Meeting Minutes of November 5th, 2025, Approved Without Objections***
4. Review SSFAC Committee Budget Training Materials
 - *Chair Andrew Wong* introduced *David Barrera* as our new Staff Support for SSFAC. David Barrera reviewed the budget template outline and encouraged the Committee to review the Budget Training Materials as well as direct any questions to him for further clarification.
5. Review Subcommittee Assignments
 - Subcommittee Assignments were not addressed during the meeting.
6. Discussion of Subcommittee Questions to Departments
 - *Chair Andrew Wong* briefly reviewed the questions Subcommittees can ask during department presentations and recommended preparing questions in advance to help gain a better understanding of each department's needs.
7. Open Comments
 - N/A
8. Chair Comments
 - *Chair Andrew Wong* expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming department presentations and discussions that will be held. Additionally, *Chair Andrew Wong* announced that the CSF meeting at UCSB will be held in two weeks and will give update the Committee with relevant information.
9. Adjourn: **10:12 AM**
 - *Motion to Adjourn by Grace Su, Seconded by Sally Tavizon*
 - ***Adjournment Approved without Objections.***