

## Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Meeting Minutes Hinderaker 0154 | Meeting Minutes Approved on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Name	Association	Voting Privilege <sup>1</sup>	Attendance <sup>2</sup>
Jose Alvarez	Graduate, Chair	X	P
Chukwufunaya Ikechukwu	Undergraduate, Vice Chair	X	P
Ruhi Barman	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Phoebe Lee	Undergraduate	X	P/AL
Grace Su	Undergraduate	X	P
Andrew Wong	Undergraduate		P/AL
Cameron Springer	Undergraduate		P
	Graduate	X	
Payton DePalma	Graduate		A
Rong Hai	Faculty	X	A
Scott Currie	Faculty	X	P
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
	Staff	X	
Ankita Ahluwalia	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Ivett Gabriella	Ex-Officio, GSA President		A
Luisa Levario	Ex-Officio, VCSA		A
Luis Alvarez	Staff Support, VCSA		A
Alice Chavez	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Sarai Sierra	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Angela Chien	Student Secretary, VCSA		A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "X" indicates voting privilege

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

Call to Order: 1:03 PM

- 1. Approve the Agenda
  - Motion to Approve the Agenda by Scott Currie, Seconded by Cameron Springer.
    - Agenda Approved Without Objections
- 2. Committee Recommendations and Discussion 2
  - Regarding Student Affairs, *Sally Tavizon* inquired about the responsibilities entailed in the digital media specialist position. *Alice Chavez* noted that the digital media specialist is tasked to assist with digital marketing strategies for both SSFAC and other VCSA departments.
  - Alice Chavez announced to the Committee that the finalized allocation amount to departmental unmet needs is \$1.7 million. However, the final allocation amount may be subject to change depending on possible budget cuts from the State.
  - Chair Jose Alvarez stated that the Committee should consider cutting AVC Health and Wellness's Item 1 "Inclusive Programming for Holistic Student Support" due to lack of budget breakdown. Funanya Ikechukwu and Ruhi Barman affirmed the aforementioned proposal.
  - Chair Jose Alvarez inquired if the Committee should consider downscaling CARE's Item 7 "Student Leader Professional Development." Ruhi Barman expressed hesitancy towards the cut for Item 7 and suggested to downscale Item 5 "Healing and Empowerment Services" so CARE would still maintain fully operational. Cameron Springer inquired what is entailed in CARE's professional development. Alice Chavez provided more insight from CARE's Budget Template. Cameron Springer and Chair Jose Alvarez suggested to keep \$5,000 for Item 7,and reduce Item 5 to \$10,000.
  - Chair Jose Alvarez inquired about the possibility of cutting The Well's Item 5 "Peer Engagement" for \$5,000. Ruhi Barman asked if there are any other funding sources for Student Affairs' Item 13 "Digital Media Specialist" so the Committee can reallocate funds to The Well's Item 5. Alice Chavez stated that there are no other funding sources. Grace Su asked for more details on The Well's Item 5, to which Chair Jose Alvarez answered that The Well hosts workshops for students to learn more about mental and physical health. Sally Tavizon suggested splitting funds between Student Affairs' Item 13 and The Well's Item 5. Ruhi Barman then asked what benefits the digital media position would provide students and ensure student success. Funanya Ikechukwu and Chair Jose Alvarez suggested cutting funding for Student Affair's Item 13.
  - Cameron Springer recommended not funding Student Life's Item 7
    "Highlander Link Event Pass" in order to fund other items. Chair Jose
    Alvarez also shared that a Google Form will be sent to committee members to
    provide any information on why certain unmet requests were not funded.
    Chair Jose Alvarez plans to consolidate the information gathered and share it
    with campus departments. Alice Chavez stated that at the end of the school,

- campus departments will receive formal letters regarding budget allocations and funding decisions, including why certain items were approved and others were not, pending the document *Chair Jose Alvarez* shares.
- On the topic of AVC Health and Wellness, *Chair Jose Alvarez* suggested cutting Item 1 "Inclusion Programming for Holistic Student Support" due to lack of budget breakdown.
- Ruhi Barman inquired a potential budget cut for Student Affair's Item 12 "Spirit and Team." Sally Tavizon suggested reducing the allocation to \$50,000. Ruhi Barman reaffirmed Sally Tavizon's suggestion and stated that spirit and team are beneficial for the campus, but other priorities should come first. In addition, Sally Tavizon suggested that the Committee can consider a higher allocation amount in the following fiscal year for "Spirit and Team" if it demonstrates success. Chair Jose Alvarez mentioned Asian Pacific Student Program's AAPI Grad as an example of starting with a modest budget.
- Ruhi Barman recommended increasing funding allocation for CARE as the program has been historically successful in ensuring student wellbeing and success. Chair Jose Alvarez reaffirmed CARE's role on campus, and expressed hesitancy if the Committee were to reduce its allocation. Sally Tavizon and Ruhi Barman recommended decreasing the allocation for Student Affair's Item 12 to \$50,000 and increasing CARE's Item 5 "Healing and Empowerment Services" to \$13,500.
- Chair Jose Alvarez inquired how many students are expected to participate at the MESC Gala.
- Alice Chavez suggested split funding for Student Life's Item 7 "Highlander Link – Event Pass." Cameron Springer stated at Student Life's Item 8 could be partially funded by the remaining budget. Sally Tavizon recommended increasing the funding for Student Life's Item 1 "Leadership and Service Programmatic Support" instead of Item 7.
- Sally Tavizon asked if taking 2% from \$1,778,616 (\$1,743,043.68) would be a viable option in case of further budget cuts. Ruhi Barman suggested holding off on that and considering their first recommendation instead. Chair Jose Alvarez proposed looking for priority funding. Sally Tavizon suggested that each department could take a 2% cut and allocate the reduced budget based on their specific needs. Chair Jose Alvarez recommended prioritizing funding for essential items and having a backup plan involving a 2% cut across all budgets. Grace Su agreed that a 2% cut is fair if priorities change. Cameron Springer advocated for playing it safe. Alice Chavez asked what to do if departments cancel a budget item. Cameron Springer suggested implementing a credit system, where campus departments that do not follow through with their budget plans receive less funding in the future. Sally Tavizon noted that this approach can be considered for next year, highlighting that previous years provided block funding while this year SSFAC has been more specific about funding allocations. Alice Chavez acknowledged the need for some flexibility with budget changes, though they should not be too dramatic. Sally Tavizon proposed a feedback form for unused funds to determine their reallocation, with any carryforward discussed in the fall. Alice confirmed that the VCSA is

still working on this issue of carryforward and SSF guidelines. *Sally Tavizon* also suggested including the reallocation of carryforward funds in the fall call letter. *Chair Jose Alvarez* asked student committee members whether leftover money should be reallocated or pulled back.

- The Committee began finalizing its recommendations.
- Grace Su motions to allocate a total of \$52,180 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for African Student Programs, with \$25,000 to Priority 1: 828 Summer Bridge Program; \$10,000 to Priority 2: Student Staff Salaries, and; \$180 to Priority 2: SA Benefits; \$0 to Priority 3: Professional Development Funds; \$10,000 to Priority 2: No Boundaries Alternative Break Spring; and \$7,000 to Priority 3: Upgrading Technology & Office, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$51,136 to be used for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- *Sally Tavizon* motions to allocate a total of \$33,000 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>Asian Pacific Student Programs</u>, with \$25,000 to Priority 1: AAPI Graduation; \$3,000 to Priority 2: Student Conference Travel; \$3,000 to Priority 3: Graduate Student Programming; and \$2,000 to Priority 4: Printing/Reprographics and Media, Seconded by *Phoebe Lee*.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$32,340 to be used specifically for the unmet need, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yeaGrace Su: yea

Scott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: **yea** 

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

• Grace Su motions to allocate a total of \$130,012 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Chicano Student Programs, with \$97,280 to Priority 1: Student Assistant (8 Students Total); \$1,751 to Priority 1: SA Benefits; \$2,237 to Priority 1: GAEL; \$13,491 to Priority 2: Graduate Student Assistant; \$243 to Priority 2: GSA Benefits; \$310 to Priority 2: GAEL; and \$15,000 to Priority

- 3: Graduate Student Programming, Support Student-Travel, Programming, Seconded by *Sally Tavizon*.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$127,706 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yea

Ruhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: **vea** 

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Sally Tavizon motions to allocate a total of \$150,000 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>Undocumented Student Programs</u>, with \$150,000 to Priority 1: The Butterfly Project, Seconded by *Phoebe Lee*.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$147,000 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

■ Jose Alvarez: **yea** 

Sally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yea

Ruhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: **yea** 

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- *Grace Su* motions to allocate a total of \$115,605 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Middle Eastern Student Center, with \$36,000 to Priority 1: SWANA Conference; \$40,000 to Priority 2: Middle Eastern Week; \$28,000 to Priority 3: MESC Gala; \$11,400 to Priority 4: Graduate and Alumni Student Assistant; and; \$205 to Priority 4: SA Benefits, Seconded by *Sally Tavizon*.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$113,293 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yea

Sally Tavizon: yea

■ Grace Su: yea

Scott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

- Phoebe Lee: yea
- Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0
- Allocation Approved
- *Sally Tavizon* motions to allocate a total of \$40,413 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>Native Student Programs</u>, with \$29,243 to Priority 1: Student Salaries; \$1,170 to Priority 1: Benefits; and \$10,000 to Priority 2: Native Graduation Banquet, Seconded by *Grace Su*.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$39,605 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:
    - Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea
    - Grace Su: yea
    - Scott Curie: yea
    - Ruhi Barman: yea
    - Funanya Ikechukwu: yea
    - Phoebe Lee: yea
    - Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0
    - Allocation Approved
- Chair Jose Alvarez motions to allocate a total of \$43,388 for the 2024 to 2025
  Fiscal Year for <u>Dean of Students</u>, with \$30,888 to Priority 1: Building
  Common Ground; \$7,500 to Priority 4: Speakers/Presenters and General
  Programming; and \$5,000 to Priority 6: VCSA Student Affairs Awards,
  Seconded by Cameron Springer.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$42,520 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:
    - Jose Alvarez: **yea**
    - Sally Tavizon: yea
    - Grace Su: yea
    - Scott Curie: yea
    - Ruhi Barman: yea
    - Rum Barman. yea
    - Funanya Ikechukwu: yea
    - Phoebe Lee: **vea**
    - Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0
    - Allocation Approved
- Cameron Springer motions to allocate a total of \$250,000 in Permanent funding and for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>AVC Health and Wellness</u>.
   Perm funding only, with; \$70,000 to Priority 1: Mandatory Payroll Services Assessment; and \$180,000 to Priority 1: Mandatory UCOP Assessment, Seconded by *Grace Su*.
  - Roll Call Vote:
    - Jose Alvarez: yea
    - Sally Tavizon: yea
    - Grace Su: yea
    - Scott Curie: yea

Ruhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Chair Jose Alvarez motions to allocate a total of \$30,542 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Student Conduct, with \$1,890 to Priority 1: Simplicity; \$3,926 to Priority 2: Copier Lease/Maintenance of Panic Alarms; \$10,000 to Priority 3: Mandated Travel; \$800.00 to Priority 4: Training Supplies; \$13,680 to Priority 5: Front Desk Student; and \$246 to Priority 6: Front Desk Student Benefits, Seconded by Phoebe Lee.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$29,931 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Chair Jose Alvarez motions to allocate a total of \$430,000 in Permanent funding and \$337,025 in temporary funding for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Student Affairs, with \$150,000 to Priority 1: UCOP Assessment Fee (PERM); \$250,000 to Priority 2: Shared Service Fee (PERM); \$81,985 to Priority 3: Commencement 2023 (TEMP); \$100,000 to Priority 4: Commencement 2024 (TEMP); \$26,500 to Priority 5: SSFAC Student Stipend Augmentation and Salaries (PERM); \$500 to Priority 6: CBR for SSFAC Student Augmentation(PERM); \$12,800 to Priority 7: SSFAC Student Stipend Augmentation and Salaries (TEMP); \$240 to Priority 8: CBR for SSFAC Student Augmentation (TEMP); \$4,500 to Priority 9: CSF Meeting (TEMP); \$3,000 to Priority 10: SSFAC General Expenses (PERM); \$50,000 to Priority 11: University Highlander Pep Band (TEMP); \$50,000 to Priority 12: Spirit and Team; and \$37,500 to Priority 13: Digital Media Specialist Position, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$330,285 in TEMP funding to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Cameron Springer motions to allocate a total of \$114,884 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Student Life, with \$18,884 to Priority 1: Leadership and Service Programmatic Support; \$20,000 to Priority 2: Student Organizations Programmatic Support; \$10,000 to Priority 3: Spirit and Traditions Programmatic Support; \$6,000 to Priority 4: Team Scotty (Mascot) Student Employee Salaries; \$40,000 to Priority 5: Student Life Student Employee Salaries; \$20,000 to Priority 6: Student Employee Salaries Leadership and Service Programs; \$0 to Priority 7: HighlanderLink Event Pass (Anthology); \$0 to Priority 8: Homecoming, Spirit Week, and Athletics Collaborations Spirit & Traditions, Seconded by Phoebe Lee.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$112,586 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Ruhi Barman motions to allocate a total of \$134,602 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>CARE</u>, with \$55,000 to Priority 1: Sexual Assault Primary Prevention for UG and Grad Students; \$43,848 to Priority 1: Student Employees; \$1,754 to Priority 1: Student Employee Benefits; \$12,000 to Priority 1: Student Leader Engagement and Peer Education Training; \$5,000 to Priority 2: Student Leader Professional Development; \$13,500 to Priority 1: Healing and Empowerment Services; and \$3,500 to Priority 1: Emergency Basic Needs, Seconded by Cameron Springer.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$131,910 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yea
 Scott Curie: yea
 Ruhi Barman: yea

Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

Phoebe Lee: yea

- Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0
- Allocation Approved
- Ruhi Barman motions to allocate a total of \$35,000 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Case Management, with \$35,000 to Priority 1: Student Assistants, Seconded by Scott Curie.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$34,300 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- *Ruhi Barman* motions to allocate a total of \$62,098 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>CAPS</u>, with \$62,098 to Priority 1: Protocall Services, Seconded by *Scott Curie*.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$60,856 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Ruhi Barman motions to allocate a total of \$156,088 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for The Well, with \$35,000 to Priority 1: Health Education and Health Promotion Programming; \$30,000 to Priority 2: Alcohol Online Education, and; \$58,327 to Priority 3: Student Staffing; \$20,000 to Priority 4: Mental Health Education/Suicide Prevention Outreach; \$5,000 to Priority 5: Peer Engagement; and \$7,761 to Priority 6: Graduate Student Well-Being Liaison, Seconded by Andrew Wong.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$152,996 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yea

Scott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Chair Jose Alvarez motions to allocate a total of \$10,000 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for <u>GSA</u>, with \$10,000 to Priority 1: Grad Bash, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$9,800 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yea
Sally Tavizon: yea
Grace Su: yea
Scott Curie: yea
Ruhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Phoebe Lee motions to allocate a total of \$140,521 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Career Center, with \$19,500 to Priority 1: Funding for Work-Study Program Graduate Assistant; \$351 to Priority 2: Graduate Student Benefits; \$19,500 to Priority 3: Funding for LAEP; \$351 to Priority 4: Graduate Student Benefits; \$49,920 to Priority 5: Funding for Hiring and Training Student Interns; \$899 to Priority 6: Student Benefits; \$50,000 to Priority 7: Funding for Technology to Scale Services and Serve was Infrastructure for Campus Collaboration; and \$0 to Priority 8: Funding to Create a Welcoming Environment, Seconded by Grace Su.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$137,711 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yea
 Sally Tavizon: yea
 Grace Su: yea
 Scott Curie: yea
 Ruhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

Ruhi Barman motions to allocate a total of \$25,342 for the 2024 to 2025
 Fiscal Year for <u>AVC-Foster Youth Student Services</u>, with \$6,000 to Priority
 1: Rent/Lease for FYSS resource center; \$19,000 to Priority
 2: Summer

Student Internship; and \$342 to Priority 3: Student Benefits, Seconded by *Phoebe Lee*.

- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$24,835 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yea

Grace Su: yeaScott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

Phoebe Lee: yea

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- Ruhi Barman motions to allocate a total of \$89,000 for the 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year for Veterans Resource Center, with \$30,000 to Priority 1: Student Salaries; \$20,000 to Priority 2: Operations; \$20,000 to Priority 3: Programming; \$7,000 to Priority 4: Outreach and Marketing; and \$12,000 to Priority 5: Professional Development, Seconded by Sally Tavizon.
- The Committee also contingently voted on block funding of \$87,220 to be used specifically for the unmet needs, should there be a need to reduce the budget.
  - Roll Call Vote:

Jose Alvarez: yeaSally Tavizon: yeaGrace Su: yea

Scott Curie: yeaRuhi Barman: yea

• Funanya Ikechukwu: yea

■ Phoebe Lee: **yea** 

■ Vote: Yes: 7 | No: 0 | Abs.: 0

Allocation Approved

- 3. Open Comments
  - N/A
- 4. Chair Comments
  - *Chair Jose Alvarez* noted that Week 7 SSFAC meeting has been cancelled, and the Committee will begin Bylaw changes and discussion in Week 8.
- 5. Adjourn: **3:00 PM** 
  - Motion to Adjourn by Andrew Wong, Seconded by Grace Su.
    - Adjournment Approved without Objections.