

Wednesday, May 29th, 2024; 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
The Barn | Meeting Minutes Approved on October 30th, 2024

Name	Association	Voting Privilege ¹	Attendance ²
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
Grace Su	Undergraduate	X	P
Andrew Wong	Undergraduate		A
Cameron Springer	Undergraduate		P
	Graduate	X	
Payton DePalma	Graduate		A
Rong Hai	Faculty	X	A
Scott Currie	Faculty	X	A
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	A
	Staff	X	
Ankita Ahluwalia	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Ivett Gabriella	Ex-Officio, GSA President		A
Luisa Levario	Ex-Officio, VCSA		P
Luis Alvarez	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Alice Chavez	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Sarai Sierra	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: **2:06 PM**

1. SSFAC Luncheon

- The Committee introduced itself to the new members and enjoyed lunch at The Barn.

2. Dr. Hayne's Remarks

- Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* thanked the Committee for its work over the past academic year and welcomed Vice Chair *Funanya Ikechukwu* as Chair of SSFAC 2024 – 2025. Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* also extended gratitude and thanks to Chair *Jose Alvarez* and *Alice Chavez* on leading and supporting the Committee.
- Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* inquired the Committee on advise for VCSA. *Cameron Springer* stated that there should be dedicated efforts in increasing campus awareness of SSFAC and its significance. So far, social media has been the driving force on this front. Chair *Jose Alvarez* supplemented that CSF meetings have shown that SSFAC across all UC schools are the third biggest student body on campus, necessitating that recruitment is vital.
- Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* stated that VCSA is willing to spotlight SSFAC through a letter to all students to assist with visibility. As for the Instagram account, *Luisa Levario* stated that VCSA is hiring a director of communications to facilitate social media. Chair *Jose Alvarez* stated that alumni utilize social media to stay up to date with the school, and potential undergraduate students utilize social media to evaluate their commitment to UC Riverside.
- *Luisa Levario* stated that a set of Guidelines is in the works and will be sent to all SSF funding departments, including HWS, about SSFAC funding and protocol. Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* suggested that guidelines and policies be an additional layer of accountability. *Luisa Levario* further stated that the accountability initiative is to formalize the process of funding departments and examine if the SSFAC has the discretion to withdraw its allocations in the context of carryforwards from departments.
- Chair *Jose Alvarez* recommended a reconsideration of membership composition to accurately reflect the student demographics. SSFAC should aim to encourage more relationships with student organizations in efforts to clarify why certain items are denied funding. Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* noted that VCSA is also considering increasing the size of the school.
- *Luisa Levario* additionally recommended monitoring the increase of memberships on the SSFAC Bylaws. The fall quarter would be an appropriate timeframe for increasing the size of the committee in relation to funding and budgeting to cover the stipends. *Luisa Levario* also suggested moving up the timeline in which departments are asked about their unmet needs and budget narratives. Such maneuver would allow more relationship-building between the Committee and departments, also allot more time of discussion and follow-up with the departments. Chair *Jose Alvarez* noted that fitting all presentations from departments under winter quarter is difficult in terms of scheduling and capacity for discussion. *Luisa Levario* noted that a timeline

recommendation will be proposed in the Fall, with assistance from *Alice Chavez*.

- Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* announced that it is critical that university goals and priorities are shared with the students. Vice Chancellor *Dr. Haynes* thanked the Committee once again.

3. Adjourn: **3:43 PM**