



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2021

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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

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Present: Alcalá, Badal, Barber, Barros, Bauer, Bruce, Brusckhe, Casem, Dabirian, Fry-Petit, Garcia, Ghosh, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Hallett, Jarvis, Jefferies, Kanel, Kleinjans, Meyer, Mitchell, Miller, Nair, Parry, Salvador, Self, Sheehan, Stambough, Stanley, C. Thomas, Tsong, Valdez, Virjee, Walicki, Walker, Walsh, Wood, Wynants

Absent: Brown, Childers, Choi, Matz, Milligan, E. Thomas, Valencia

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stambough called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤	Academic Senate 2 nd Special Election to fill vacancies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate – Part-time Faculty seats • Faculty Research Committee – CCOM seat 	eVoting will take place: M, November 15, 7:00 am thru R, November 18, 4:00 pm
➤	CSUF College of the Arts Fall 2021 Select Events	flyer in Dropbox folder
➤	Academic Integrity Week 2021	November 1-5 (flyer in Dropbox folder)

Additional announcements:

- (Stambough) This is an exciting time for athletics, men and women’s basketball is getting ready to start. The women’s soccer team, after having a slow start, really kicked in at the end of the season and are the three seed in the conference tournament today at 5:00 pm at UC Irvine. Volleyball is having an incredible season, first year coach is doing some great things. I believe they are playing here tonight at 7:00 pm.
- (Stambough) On the Academic Senate Calendar, there is an “if necessary” meeting for a November 18, that was held there in case the Chancellor’s office dropped something in our lap unexpectedly. There is something that has dropped in our laps, which is AB 928, but we still don’t know what it is. Since we are fine on schedule and that one is right before fall break, we will not activate that meeting, we will see everybody back on December 2.

IV. TIME APPROXIMATE

11:40 AM

Subject: Fiscal State of the University
Presenter: VP Coley and President Virjee

President Virjee gave the Fiscal State of the University presentation.

The budget update and specific details of allocation for FY 2021-22 and multi-year funding from the state were discussed as each slide was presented. Charts, bars, and graphs indicated both CSU and specific CSUF overview for the following areas:

- FY 2020-21 Core Operating Funds & Lottery
- FY 2020-21 Core Operating Funds & Lottery (by division)
- FY 2020-21 Carry Forward (as of July 1, 2021)
- Operating Fund Expenditures & Transfers (Excluding Auxiliaries and Post Awards)
- Expenditure by Program/Cost per FTES FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21
- CSU General Fund and Resident Student Enrollment FY 2007-2021

- Fullerton General Fund and Resident Student Enrollment FY 2007-2021
- Governor's Budget, CSU Request, Tuition Increase and Final Budget Allocation (Operating Budget)
- CSU/CSUF Budget Allocation (Operating Budget)
- FY 2020-21 CSUF Baseline Reduction
- FY 2020-21 CSUF Baseline Reduction, FY 2021-22 Budget Restoration
- FY 2021-22 CSUF Allocations
- FY 2021-22 Operating Fund Baseline Budget
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)
- Continuing Escalation of Expenses (Benefits Cost FY 2013-2020)
- FY 2020-21 General Fund + Tuition (net of SUG)

Q & A:

Q: (Jarvis) You mentioned the State threatening the sweep money. How can we have a reserve if they are sweeping money? The other thing was the earmarks you mentioned, the Arboretum and the Titan Bridge. Is this a way for us to try to combat the underfunding problem? The legislature has now decided they want to do earmarks and they haven't been doing this for a long time, at least on a grand scale and we've heard they are now more interested in doing earmarks. Is essentially bypassing Golden Shores and going to Sacramento our path forward to this? No so getting baseline, but doing things through the earmark process?

A: (President Virjee) The sweeping money was from particular categories of funding, so they wouldn't sweep our reserves or money from instruction, but they would sweep it from basically maintenance infrastructure money they had allocated to us that we didn't use. And the earmarks piece, earmarks are back with a vengeance in the federal context and we've been pushing hard in the federal context. We are a very small fish in that very big pond. Right now, on the Senate side and the House side, we have \$5 million in there for the Titan Bridge. This would be the first time, if that comes through that we would ever actually get federal funding directly to Cal State Fullerton for a project. On the State side, officially we're not supposed to do anything except advocate for the CSU budget.

Q: (Walsh) I'd like to focus on the structural deficit in HRDI. Long before you came there was a shift in organizations and HRDI grew like topsy, it went from a small efficient organization to blooming out. One of the ways to address the structural deficit was to look at whether all of that is efficient and whether or not cutting makes more sense than backfilling. So, to that question, has there been a look at that?

A: (President Virjee) Yes, HRDI has been forced to look over the last couple of years, I have forced them, they've forced themselves to look at efficiencies and what they can do and can't do because there wasn't any ability to address the structural deficit that was created when they were created. But at the same time, we've been asking HRDI to do a lot more. All our work for attracting and retaining a diverse professoriate, a diverse staff, all the extra work they have been doing for that and all our diversity equity inclusion work and raising our level of awareness, training, professional development, and the programming that we do for diversity equity inclusion and social justice on this campus emanates out of HRDI. So, we have been asking them to do more and at the same time look at doing it with less. Yes, they have been reducing the deficit that they had to address, but they've never had enough funding to do what it is they essentially need to do. Some of the things they need to do and they don't have funding for are payroll and benefit issues that we have to get done.

Q: (Stanley) I missed the remaining HEERF fund amount and wondering long run if some of that could be used for increasing ventilation and air filters in older classrooms and larger rooms so that there's kind of equal safety no matter what room and building you're in. I think that is a concern for faculty and students.

A: (President Virjee) We have already done a significant amount of work in that area with HEERF funds in changing out filters, increasing the types of filters that we use, the efficiency of the filters and improving ventilation. We are looking at using that money for other purposes.

- (VP Coley) That should be one of the very first priorities for what we should be spending the money for, but we have not done that for every building. I have instructed Ali Izadian, AVP of Capital Programs & Facilities Management to come up with a plan. To the extent that there are funds available, that would be our number one priority. The only reason that would interfere with that, being able to take care of essentially every building on campus, just happens to do with the season. It is already now the middle of November and we need to have all this money spent, not obligated, by the end of April. It is our expectation and desire to overhaul every one of the buildings when it comes to the HVAC from the cleanliness standpoint.
- (President Virjee) While we were virtual we did a lot of work, what I would call the quick fixes that we could do with upgrading the filters, opening the dampers, all those sorts of things. But there is more work to do.

Q: (Stambough) We are right at the time for adjournment, I want to see if President Virjee wouldn't mind fielding questions at the beginning of the next meeting and we will maintain the speakers list?

A: (President Virjee) Sure, absolutely.

(Stambough) The speakers list right now has Bruschkke, Kanel, and Valdez. the

M/S/P (Walsh/Alcala) Motion to extend the meeting for ten minutes. Motion passed.

Q: (Bruschke) This is a factual question related to the CSU general fund and resident student enrollment slide. The blue line represents the number of students and the green line represents the total number of dollars per student. The big takeaway is those lines are drawing closer to one another, so that our student growth is faster than our revenue growth, right?

A: (President Virjee) The takeaway is that they're tracking generally, but they are growing together.

- (Bruschke) So, the challenge we face is we have to teach more students with fewer dollars per student. That has happened as our campus is becoming more and more diverse. So, as we're getting a more diverse student population we have fewer dollars to educate those students. Over time as those two lines have grown together, how's the campus dealt with that? What is the pattern?
- (President Virjee) First of all, these are dollars for the entire CSU for the system. On the next slide, you can see they actually crossed. One of the ways in which we deal with this issue is advocacy for additional funding and making this exact point to legislators and to anyone who will listen that as the CSU becomes more diverse and becomes a place where we lift more students from underserved communities, as we become more of a place where for first-generation students than the UC. Right at that time, the per student funding is actually decreasing not increasing, in absolute dollars it's increasing. Let's be fair, absolute dollars is increasing but in today's dollars with inflation and what it can buy, it's decreasing and as a result we are forced to do more with less.

Q: (Valdez) I know we have the money and they're going to take it away and it has to be used directly related to Covid expenses. I think that we should get wellness stipends. All faculty and staff who had to teach through that pandemic, because I have trauma and anxiety, and I know I am not the only one. So, I would like money to be able to actually take part in wellness activities because it's very expensive. Therapy, a good one, is very expensive and usually out of pocket. Massages or all these other self-care techniques that are told for us to do is very expensive, so I would like to see that money poured back into us.

A: (President Virjee) I wish that was an option. It's not an option that the federal government has recognized for the use of the monies. As a system, we are asking them to extend the deadline so we can actually spend this money without rushing to it and spending it inappropriately. We're asking them to expand the way in which those dollars can be used. We are working with the Department of Education and it may take federal legislation to do that, but we're working to expand the ways in which we can do it, so we can use it for more broad and important purposes like that.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 ASD 21-123 Academic Senate Minutes 10-28-21 (Draft) - *forthcoming*

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/P (Walker/Meyer) Motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed.

6.1 NOMINEES TO COMMITTEES

NOMINEES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOARD (10 faculty)

Nominees: Zakyi Ibrahim (HUM)

Continuing: Rob Watson (ARTS); Aja McKee (EDUC); Sarah Grant (SOC SCI); Gayle Brisbane (CCOM); Min Choi (CBE); Kristy Forsgren (NSM); Rakeshkumar Mahto (ECS); Shelli Wynants (HHD); Michaela Keating (L/A/C)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 ASD 21-117 Revisions to UPS 100.000 - Academic Senate Constitution

7.2 ASD 21-118 Revisions to UPS 100.001 - Academic Senate Bylaws

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Walsh) Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.