



**ACADEMIC SENATE
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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

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Present: Badal, Barber, Barros, Bauer, Bonuso, Brown, Bruce, Brusckke, Casem, Castelo, Childers, Dabirian, Evanow, Galvan, Garcia, Ghosh, Graewingholt, Henning, Jarvis, Kanel, Kleinjans, Landeros, Lewis Chiu, Luker, Meyer, Nair, Ordonez-Jasis, Parry, Perez, Plouffe, Robinson, Salvador, Self, Stambough, Stanley, Swarat, C. Thomas, E. Thomas, Valencia, Virjee Walsh, Weismuller, Wilson, Wynants

Absent: Fry-Petit, Ketchum, Mallicoat, Miller, Milligan, Shepard, Wood

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

A moment of silence was observed.

In Memoriam

- Dr. Lawrence Larry Jasper, Professor Emeritus of Theatre and Dance [died October 23, 2022]

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- (Henning) My concern was about the decision from the meeting on September 15th about no longer having oral reports. I looked back to see if we had a record of the discussion. There was a mention that the Executive Committee was proposing this, and we voted on it, and we did approve that, but one of the things I was concerned about is there isn't an audio record of that discussion. Looking back at the minutes, I didn't see a mention of the vote that we took for that. So, my question is I'm hopeful that once we pass minutes both in the Academic Senate and the Executive Committee that those things get posted to our public-facing site.
 - (Walsh) We are behind on minutes because we were down to one staff person since June. We are now fully staffed, as of last week, and we are playing catch-up on several items besides minutes.
 - (Henning) My concern is about the oral reports, my feelings are that when we don't do the oral reports, I'm not sure if we have as good of an opportunity to respond or ask questions of the person giving the report. I personally was especially disappointed that we haven't really heard vocally from ASI. ASI has done a number of wonderful things that I would love for us all to know about, not just through text and looking at the report. So, I was wondering if we might have a little bit of discussion about the elimination of oral reports and especially what the Exec Committee was about.
 - (Walsh) We will catch up on minutes and we can put it on an agenda in the future for discussion.
- (Walsh) If there is no other urgent business, I would like to take the Chair's prerogative and move the new business up, because we have some things that really need to be arranged by time.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Kanel) This is a follow-up to the AA/AS Retreat about plagiarism and academic dishonesty. In speaking with people from the Statewide Senate, it turns out that other campuses are dealing with this too, particularly University of California, Irvine and other places. They basically said you can contact Chegg, HERO, or any of these places and tell them to take your stuff down because it's copyright infringement. So, I believe Chair Walsh is going to send us information about how we can go in and what we can do ourselves to get our stuff taken off those sites.
- (Walsh) I want to introduce Dr. Jason Smith, our new dean of HHD.

IV. TIME APPROXIMATE

12:20 PM

Subject: Fiscal State of the University

Presenter: President Virjee and VP Porter

President Virjee gave an overview prior to the Fiscal State of the University presentation.

Good morning. As always, I want to begin by celebrating the reinstatement of two very important resources when it comes to our Fiscal State. It is our CFO, who will be making the presentation today, and the non-senators in the room. Welcome back, folks!

I am very thrilled to welcome our new CFO for his first Fiscal State of the University. Please join me in welcoming VP Porter. He will do the heavy lifting on the Fiscal State of the University, but before I turn the floor over to him, there is some limited lifting of my own that I want to do.

As I stated in my response letter to the PRBC, which can be found on the Admin & Finance website under Reports and Presentations, it is tempting to see the amount the CSU received this year in new funding. The amounts are not insubstantial: \$410.8 million in new baseline funds to the CSU, \$1.2 billion in one-time funds for the CSU, which trickles down for CSUF to \$44.5 million in new baseline allocations and \$161.2 million in new one-time allocations. I should note here this does not include the supplemental allocations for systemwide consortiums that was finally approved on September 25.

We are grateful for that funding, to be sure, just as we are proud of the significant hand the Titan Family played in securing it due to our relentless advocacy. However, the rosy tint on the lenses it provides once again quickly fades when you consider that virtually all of those new dollars must be allocated to cover mandatory costs that were spent even before the ink was dry on the Governor's signature.

Alex will get into the specific numbers, but on our campus, 93% of that new funding is already designated for costs directly associated with enrollment, compensation, and mandatory costs, 34% of our new funding is our own funds; money held back by the Chancellor's office last year for compensation increases and our own tuition revenue. Meanwhile, GI2025 represents another 7%, which must be used for designated purposes. So, in short, there is not much left to work with.

All that said, everything is not gloom and doom. The very good news is that our campus remains fiscally strong. That doesn't mean we are not scraping by, or that we do not have to continue to wear our belts several notches tighter than we prefer. We do and we are, but we are also continuing to do better at living within our means while focusing upon graduation rates and decreasing equity gaps.

When I arrived at CSUF five years ago, we were running a more than \$8 million deficit, which we were funding each year straight out of our reserves. The first year, we budgeted to erase that deficit, and we fully balanced our budget the second year. Absent the unforeseen circumstances of COVID and the systemwide agreements it created, we would have stayed balanced and created a stronger reserve, but as we all know COVID came and along with it, a 10% reduction in funding, significant increased costs, and the full exhaustion of our reserves.

But the good news is even through those tough years, we still balanced the budget, and never went into the red. We did exhaust all our reserves, but as Alex will share, we used one-time HEER funds to help us through these difficult times and also to replenish our spent reserves over the past two years. My point is we have been working hard to assure fiscal solvency and that we remain fiscally strong.

Further, and despite the funding that does not even begin to fully cover our needs, we not only graduated one of the largest classes in the history of the entire CSU. Improved four-year and two-year graduation rates and remained focused on closing equity gaps. We also hired 30 new tenure track faculty this year, and also promoted 64 faculty to tenured status. Hired 21 new counselors; offered more than 150 additional course sections; hired 12 additional professional advisors; awarded 201 incentive grants; 213 completion grants; and submitted 102 grant and contract proposals and were awarded two prestigious grants from the Mellon Foundation for \$2.1 million. We also expanded cumulative funding for student and faculty research, curriculum development, scholarships and fellowships, and public service activities to a ten-year (and perhaps all-time) high of \$34.9 million, a 23% increase from 2020-2021.

With 681 Scopus index publications, we had a record high publication in 2021, a 10% increase from 2020. So, while from a financial perspective, there may not be much to work with from our allocation this year, there is much to be proud of.

Now back to the fiscal state, in VP Porter's presentation, you will see that we have identified \$181.5 million in Carry Forward reserves as of July 1, 2022. This seems like more good news, until you consider the following: first, the CSU Guidelines calls for CSUF to have a \$230 million reserve, a figure we have not come close to in several years if not decades; second, two-thirds of that \$181.5 million carry-forward is already earmarked as already allocated or designated, and Alex will go into the details of that in his presentation. So, the bottom line is, our true operating reserves are at \$69.8 million, which is \$22 million higher than last year. This sounds great, but the Chancellor's office's unrealistic dream for us is \$230 million.

Last year, we were provided funding for 1100 more FTE, and we thought we had also made headway, as we were promised equalization funding going forward. We saw our position in the cellar bump up from 23 to 22 and started to feel a very small sense of relief, or at least validation. Then this year happened, and I thought maybe I missed the equalization funding at first glance. So, I looked again... then I checked with Laleh, we are still waiting, despite the promises made last year.

So, how does that impact us this year? If we only look at the campuses that mirror Cal State Fullerton in virtually every category worthy of measuring in the context of funding: size, enrollment, demographics, and geography. Funding CSUF at the same level per FTES as CSU Northridge or Long Beach State, the two campuses that most closely mirror CSUF in demographics, size and geography, would increase Fullerton's baseline budget by \$25.5 million and \$16 million, respectively.

To put that into perspective, having a similar funding rate as CSU Northridge would empower Fullerton to hire an additional 262 full-time tenure-track faculty or 291 new academic advisors (including benefits). I promised Alex, I would give him time to dig into this, and once we are ready, we will continue to pursue this issue at the Chancellors office and advocate for CSUF. Our students deserve it, our faculty and staff deserve it.

Finally, I want to thank the PRBC for all their hard work and thoughtful recommendations, each of the Vice Presidents for working collaboratively on their respective budgets, and Vice President Porter for coming in, rolling up his sleeves and getting to work. Thank you. Vice President Porter, the floor is yours.

VP Porter 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:

- Overview
- FY 2020-21 Carry Forward (as of July 1, 2021)
- FY 2021-22 Reserve Designations
- FY 20210-22 Core Operating Funds & Lottery (by division)
- Operating Fund Expenditures & Transfers (Excluding Auxiliaries and Post Awards)
- CSU General Fund and Resident Student Enrollment FY 2007-2022
- Fullerton General Fund and Resident Student Enrollment FY 2007-2022
- Governor's Budget, CSU Request, Tuition Increase and Final Budget Allocation (General Fund)
- CSU/CSUF Budget Allocation (General Fund)
- FY 2022-23 CSUF Allocations (Sources)
- FY 2022-23 CSUF Allocations (Uses)
- 2-Year Compensation (Sources & Uses)
- FY 2022-23 Operating Fund Baseline Budget
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) - \$242.6M
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Institutional Portion \$142.0M
- Increasing Expenses (2014-2021)
- Increasing Expenses - Utilities
- Increasing Expenses - Risk Pool Insurance
- FY 2021-22 General Fund (net of SUG) + Actual Tuition + Other Fee Revenue per FTE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/P (Brown/Barros) Motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

- 4.1 ASD 22-98 Academic Senate Minutes 9-29-22 (Draft)
- 4.2 ASD 22-102 Academic Senate Minutes 10-13-22 (Draft)

VI. REPORTS

1. Chair's Report - no report.
2. [Provost Report](#)
3. Statewide Report - no report.
4. [ASI Report](#)
5. [CFA Report](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 ASD 22-103 Revisions to UPS 210.007 - Appointment of Admin Personnel
 - M/S/P (Kanel/Weismuller) Motion to approve ASD 22-103 Revisions to UPS 210.007 - Appointment of Admin Personnel. Motion passed as amended.
 - (Graewingholt) Lines 54-55: reinstate the stricken out words and reword the sentence to read: "...and if there are not sufficient number of Librarians available...". Considered friendly.
 - (Dabirian) Correct the title of the Dean of UEE throughout the document. Considered friendly.
 - (Jarvis) Lines 28-29: removing the wording "at least" and add the wording "no more than". Considered friendly.
- 7.2 ASD 22-104 Revisions to UPS 211.100 - Appointment of Department Chair and Vice-Chairs
 - M/S/ (Kanel/Brown) Motion to approve ASD 22-104 Revisions to UPS 211.100 - Appointment of Department Chair and Vice-Chairs.
 - M/S (Stambough/Graewingholt) Line 37: Motion to restore the wording "or tenure track".
 - (Walsh) we will continue this discussion at the next AS meeting. We will now move to our time approximate for the Fiscal State of the University presentation.
- 7.3 ASD 22-105 Resolution on Antisemitic Acts
 - M/S/P (Kanel/Bruschke) Motion to approve ASD 22-105 Resolution on Antisemitic Acts. Motion passed as amended.
 - (Jarvis) Lines 20-22: reword sentence to read: "That the Academic Senate commends the administration for conducting a quick investigation...". Considered friendly.
 - (Kleinjans) Line 9: remove the word "the". Considered friendly.
 - (Kleinjans) Line 18: add the word "and". Considered friendly.
 - (Kleinjans) Lines 23-24: reword sentence to read: "That we expect the full measure of penalties for the perpetrators of this vandalism". Considered friendly.
 - (Weismuller) Lines 25-26: reword sentence to read "Antisemitism be recognized as an explicit concern of the campus and Jewish people be included in DEI efforts". Considered friendly.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Meyer) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.