



CAL STATE LA

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

FiPC 17-10

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: April 12, 2018

PRESENT: E. Acevedo, L. Asgari, A. Fuligni, K. Hackel, A. Harrison, S. Keslacy, J. Li, S. Meyer, Y. Song, S. Xing

Excused Absence: D. Ribera, A. Pacheco-Vega, G. Lawrie

Guest: L. Mahoney

Chair E Acevedo convened the meeting at 9:27 a.m. in ADM. 313.

1. Announcements: None
2. Intent to Raise Questions: None.
3. Chair's Report: 2018-19 Budgetary Priorities are due to the Senate Executive Committee Monday April 16, 2018. Chair Acevedo will send a draft to all FiPC members for comments or feedback before Saturday so she can finalize and send the final to Senate Exec Monday morning.
4. Senate Executive Committee Liaison's Report: Senate Executive Committee Liaison went over parking structure update: Due to soil conditions, the parking structure had to be started ahead of the original schedule. Chair Acevedo discussed the E-textbook Initiative and she is encouraging all members to participate in the pilot program (before April 30) for the purchase of electronic versions of textbooks at Cal State LA; this program helps students with lower text book costs. Chair Acevedo went over the letter writing campaign that President Covino is asking both faculty and students to write letters to the Governor to increase funding for the CSU campuses (these letter petitions must be sent to E. Espinosa, Director of Policy and Government Relations on or before April 30th). Chair Acevedo asked the FiPC members to pass on this information to their students to participate.
5. Time Certain Provost Mahoney- 9:45am to 10:15am: All FiPC members took turns to ask Provost Mahoney the prepared queries. These questions centered around Budgetary Priorities, Faculty Hiring and Retention, Graduation 2025 Initiative, Online Learning, and First-Generation Students. In these order Provost Mahoney said she is not anticipating new funding for next year (2018-19). The money that Cal State LA would receive from the Governor's proposed budget does not cover the base operating expenses. The Legislature will revise the budget in May that may result in more, but we will not know until July. Many CSU campuses are preparing for a 1% cut (that is \$3 million for Cal State LA). Cal State LA is not preparing for cuts; the 1% cut will be covered by excess enrollment dollars (for the \$3 millions to the University). Provost Mahoney plans to recruit 50 Tenure track faculty for 2018-19, and the President is also committed to tenure track hires. Provost Mahoney is focused on retaining faculty. She noted that Michael Caldwell met with approximately five faculty who have left Cal State LA, and these faculty left either due to personal reasons or other factors, such as an offer from a research university. She mentioned that faculty orientation was reconceived, and as a result of this new orientation, two-thirds of new faculty recognize CETL as a place to improve pedagogy and as a faculty center. She has invested more in CETL to train and retain our Lecturers. Provost Mahoney said she invested in ACUE Pilot, 50 Math Faculties participated and the College remarkably improved. Provost Mahoney is working to improve the IRB process; everything will be moved online and there is a push towards workshops for faculty to be trained for IRB. Graduation 2025 Initiative is a University level Initiative: Enrollment, Advisement, access to classrooms. Six colleges- including, Dean, Assoc. Dean presented to the Committee; Committee will meet next week to review all the presentations. There is also a new AVP for Institutional Effectiveness. Provost Mahoney said CETL implemented Quality Matters and is launching an online E-training for faculty this Fall. Additionally, Cal State LA is moving away from Moodle to Canvas. The Provost notes the next step is online degree programs; opportunities exist but more needs to be invested, that would serve to relieve pressure on our facilities. These online programs are better suited for older students and not first or second year students. Provost Mahoney talked about First Generation Students. She noted that the program that FiPC asked about is housed in Student Life. We may bring in 6000 new students; she said assuming 4000 are first generation students. Our freshman cohort is 70% Latino, and she noted that our orientation needs to be culturally inclusive. Provost also went over SSF allocation. There is not much money for SSF; majority of SSF fund is allocated to advising staff, support for graduate research center, and extended Library hours. Cost to support our advisors has increased due to compensation increases and increase in cost of benefits. SSF is trying to keep up with our permanent staff.
6. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 17 09): M/s/p (K Hackel) as approved.
7. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 17 10): M/s/p (A. Fuligni) as modified.
8. Budgetary Priorities 2018-19: April 16, 2018 is the deadline for all 2018-19 Budgetary Priorities to be submitted to the Executive Committee. FiPC members went over all the Budgetary Priorities they discussed on May 22 and Chair Acevedo will share the draft via Google Docs so that each member will be able to make comments/feedback before Sunday April 15, as Chair Acevedo will turn in the final April 16 (Monday morning).
9. Final Chapter II Revision of Faculty Handbook: Chair Acevedo modified policy in the Faculty Handbook to reflect college representative also serving as non-voting ex-officio members on their respective College RAAC. M/s/p (A. Fuligni) as modified.
10. Adjournment: M/s/p (J. Li) adjourned at 10:42 a.m.