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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

FiPC 18-02

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: September 27, 2018

PRESENT: A. Marmolejo, A. Harrison, A. Pacheco-Vega, E. Acevedo, G. Simon-Cerejido, H. Paul, J. Momand, J. Li, K. Hackel, L. Asgari, S. Xing, S. Meyer, Y. Song, M. Wallace

Excused Absence: D. Abou Salem

Chair E Acevedo convened the meeting at 9:25 a.m. in ADM. 313.

1. Announcements: American Communities Program will host Viet Thanh Nguyen, author of *The Sympathizers* and *The Refugees*, who will be speaking today (September 27, 2018) from 6pm to 8pm in the Los Angeles Room in the USU. Today, there will also be food vendors on campus from 4pm to 6pm.
2. Intent to Raise Questions: None.
3. Chair's Report: Defer to Laila to give updates about University RAAC Allocation: RAAC met September 1, 2018; L. Chavez presented the new allocation for General Fund and Grad 2025 Initiative. Most of the additional monies were allocated to the Benefit Pool, Financial Aid, and Student Success. The additional monies were allocated toward Canvas and other initiatives; the Provost will present on this allocation in October, 2018. Chair reported that V. Prabhu worked with the Provost to contact all Deans about Liaison for each College RAAC Committee; still no committee was established for some colleges.
4. Liaison's Report: Nothing to report.
5. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 17 12): M/s/p (S. Meyer) as amended
6. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 18 01): M/s/p (K. Hackel) as approved.
7. FiPC Charge, Membership and Overall Structure: V. Prabhu met with Chairs and Recording Secretaries to go over the policies. She will also have a meeting with Vice Chairs, as she wants them to have a more formal role. V. Prabhu also clarify the attendance policy; members cannot miss three consecutive meetings.. Additional to the policy, at the end of every year, the Chair needs to write a report about what has been accomplished and share this report the Exec. Committee. Members will get an update on what happened in the past and what will be accomplished this year. In the summer, FiPC recommended that psychological center for students should be available 24 hrs. There are still concerns about tuition increase, as many students do not have the opportunity to afford college. This question was raised by Exec to the Vice Provost of Enrollment Services. FiPC members recommended getting a breakdown -fact sheet from Vice Provost of Enrollment Services, of a typical student the amount this student will need to pay upfront in order to register for fifteen units or twelve units (examples).
8. FiPC 2018-2019 Goals: Chair Acevedo asked FiPC members if there is anything else they wanted to add the 2018-19 budgetary priorities. By consensus, FiPC members decided to have a time certain with L. Chavez (CFO and VP of Administration and Finance), to address concerns regarding the current search for a new Director for UAS. Chair Acevedo also wanted to follow up on the time certain with J. Underwood (AVP of Research). FiPC members agreed that since there are only nine meetings left before the AY ends, FiPC members need to prioritize the most important time certain. Recommendations were made to send email inquiries for the lower priority issues and if the answers were not enough, FiPC members can then follow up with a time certain. All the other time certain will be scheduled in spring 2019. All FiPC members formed focus groups where each members focuses on one or more budgetary priorities for 2018-19: Student needs, Faculty needs (UAS), Facilities, Technology, and Staffing needs to better determine the needs for next fiscal year. Due the parking lot constructions, parking continues to be a huge issue, the University is encouraging students to purchase a U-Pass which offers unlimited rides for Metro's rail and bus lines. There is a possibility that an E-Pass may soon be made available for faculty and staff.
9. Student Survey (graduate and undergraduate): A. Marmolejo reported that ASI will be having an open forum on October 18, 2018 regarding students concerns. President Covino, the Chief of Police, and Faculty will attend. FiPC will also participate in the forum. FiPC members decided the forum alone will not help to identify the students need, and recommends that a survey will be able to capture data and help identify students fiscal needs. ASI has student surveys for: Veterans, two centers for graduate students and undergraduate students. By consensus FiPC members decided to work with ASI to create a survey to help identify the students' needs as working independently (to create a survey) may be more difficult to get students participation.
10. Adjournment: M/s/p (S. Meyer) adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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