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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

FiPC 19-07

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: February 27, 2020

PRESENT: G. Simon-Cerejido, S. Fu, T. Bettcher, H. Paul, L. Esparza, J. Williams, H. Shen,
G. Angelo, G. Lawrie, R. Eckard, J. Li, M. Chou
EXCUSED ABSENCE: M. Wallace, D. Lee

Chair G. Simon-Cerejido convened the meeting at 9:26 a.m. in ADM. 313.

1. Announcements: None at this time.
2. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 19-06): M/s/p (T. Bettcher) – All approved
3. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 19-07): M/s/p (H. Paul) – All approved
4. Chair's Report: Chair G. Simon-Cerejido reviewed Time Certain questions for J. Underwood, provided updates on remaining Time Certains for the semester, and discussed the creation of a Sharepoint to distribute committee documents.
5. Senate Exec. Committee Liaison Report: No updates.
6. College RAAC Liaison Report: G. Angelo reported that Arts & Letters met to review student travel support requests and faculty proposals for summer fellowships to develop new courses for PaGE. S. Fu reported the Library plans to recommend adding a staff representative to their RAAC. J. Li reported their committee reviewed IRA. No other updates.
7. Time Certain questions: Committee reviewed Time Certain questions for J. Gomez, Provost and L. Chavez, VP and CFO of Administration and Finance.
8. Time Certain – J. Underwood 10:00am-10:30am: J. Underwood, AVP for Office of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (ORSCA).
 - 8.1 J. Underwood shared that total budget allocated to ORSCA for 2019-20 is \$571,840, with the majority of the cost of \$536,729 dedicated to salaries/wages and the remaining funds of \$35,000 dedicated to Operating Costs. In comparison, the 2018-19 budget was \$524,229 total, with \$516,729 for salaries/wages and \$7,500 for Operating Costs.
 - 8.2 J. Underwood reported that although the operating budget increased, expenses still outpaced the operating budget. Additionally, J. Underwood distributed a handout that highlighted ORSCA's Standing Budget Requests for a research facilitation budget totaling \$175,000 that would provide funding for CSULA-led research initiatives and incentives. To date, this request has not been granted.
 - 8.3 The expenditures for 2018-19 totaled \$31.9 million, with the total awards in the same year at \$22.2 million. In 2017-18 expenditures were \$28.3 million with awards totaling \$23.8 million. J. Underwood explained that approximately 10% of faculty are responsible for over 75% of the grant funding at CSULA. This creates an expected sine curve, with expenditures and awards fluctuating in relation to each other with an upward trend for both in the long term.

- 8.4 The strategic goals for ORSCA include growing research funding in a manner that serves the University's mission and gaining more federal research and development funding.
 - 8.5 This year, there were 29 assigned time awards and 27 mini-grants compared to 26 assigned time awards and 32 min-grants the previous year. J. Underwood redirected the committee to the AVP for Faculty Affairs to discuss metrics on faculty rank within those awards.
 - 8.6 ORSCA is collaborating with T. Marji, Director of University Auxiliary Services, regularly on the routing of proposals and funding mechanisms. Additionally, the offices are partnering to implement Cayuse, an electronic research administration system. There are additional staffing needs within UAS, including hiring more pre and post-award administrative staff as well as a Director of Sponsored Programs. They are actively working to address any gaps with staffing, training, and technology.
 - 8.7 Both J. Underwood and T. Marji are also heavily engaged with the Cal State LA BioSpace incubator housed in the new Rongxiang Xu Bioscience Innovation Center with a current goal to open the Center in the fourth quarter of this year. The Center will serve to boost entrepreneurial opportunities for faculty and students, while encouraging business development and economic growth in the local East LA community.
 - 8.8 ORSCA's top three fiscal priorities for the next year include: securing commitment from the new Provost for long-term match funding for the CO's RSCA program, securing full-funding of the "Standing Research Request," and securing full-funding for the Office of Undergraduate Research. There is also a secondary goal to revise distribution rules for IDC collected by UAS.
9. Adjournment: M/s/p (J. Li) adjourned at 10:46 a.m.