



Channel Islands

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

President's Planning and Policy Council

Meeting Notes

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

March 9, 2019

J. Handel Evans Conference Room 2533

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Theresa Avila, Jim August, Dottie Ayer, Toni DeBoni, Alissa Blough, Rosa Bravo, Genevieve Evans Taylor, Nancy Gill, Thomas Hunt, Nichole Ipach, Ritchie LeRoy, Penny Matthews, Jazzminn Morecraft, Laurie Nichols, Janet Pinkley, Barbara Rex, Beth Say, Ysabel Trinidad and John Yudelson.

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Helen Alatorre, Amanda Carpenter, Hung Dang, Cindy Derrico, Hiram Ramirez, Sara Ruiz, Fred Wells, Gregory Wood and Rich Yao

GUESTS: Doreen Hatcher and Jason Miller

OPENING REMARKS

President Beck welcomed the Council members and introductions were made.

POLICY REVIEW

Consent

CM.05.001 – Policy on Use of University Logos

Nancy Gill indicated that some titles were updated.

FA.31.011 – Policy on Campus Violence

Laurie Nichols said language was added to differentiate between students and employees and to clarify reporting. Information was also added about the CARE team.

OP.01.004 – Policy on Policies

Genevieve Evans Taylor stated that this policy's practice was cleaned up and removed some of the procedures.

SA.18.001 – Policy on Student Involvement on Campus during Pre-Finals and Finals Weeks

Toni DeBoni said that no changes were made to this policy.

President Beck asked for a motion to approve these Consent policies. Policies were approved.

UPDATES

Strategic Resources Planning Committee

VP Trinidad asked Barbara Rex to provide an update on the budget of the Strategic Resources Planning Committee (SRPC). Barbara reviewed the context for the 2020-21 budget. She reminded the Council that on January 10, the Governor released his proposed budget of \$199M for the CSU, noticeably short of the CSU Trustees Budget Request of \$648M. In addition, the one-time

request for deferred maintenance of \$500M to address a backlog in facilities within the CSU; the Governor came back with \$199M targeted towards a particular area related to extended education.

The SRPC is looking at next steps to continue to support the momentum of the CSUCI Strategic Initiatives in light of the Governor's *"Budget (that) continues to reflect the principle that maintaining a balanced budget and strong budget resiliency is non-negotiable and a necessary predicate for expanding programs, especially with the growing risks facing the state."* In May, CSUCI is looking forward to the Governor's revised budget and then, moving forward with our campus with our final allocations.

President Beck will be in Sacramento this week for Budget Advocacy and with discussions around Covid-19. The legislature is expected to advocate on our behalf but we are in a dynamic situation right now.

John Yudelson asked about the infrastructure initiative. Barbara said Proposition 13, that included money for the CSU, failed. President Beck stated some of the one-time dollars could be used for campus maintenance but, for many older campuses the issues are more pronounced.

VP Trinidad said the state was working to fill the rainy-day fund. But, with possible additional healthcare needs ahead, that may not happen. President Beck added that the one-time funds, though not specific, could possibly be used for GI2025 and enrollment growth.

COVID-19 Update

President Beck reminded the Council that CSUCI's overall arching values and guiding principles are, one, health and safety, and two, making sure our students make progress in their degrees. The campus [COVID-19](#) webpage has the latest and most up to date information from the local public health agencies who manage these crises on the county level. In addition, [VCEmergency](#) is a great website to check for factual information.

President Beck stated Ventura County is well equipped and prepared to respond to this public health issues. The risk, at this point, is low and we do not have any quarantines or any evidence of community transmission. But, this is a really dynamic circumstance and can change quickly. University leadership is in frequent meetings with the [Ventura County Public Health Agency](#) and educational partners. President Beck is on daily calls with the CSU and CA Public Health Departments.

In addition, our internal Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is prepared and activated at a very low level (as of this time). The Provost has a working group that is looking at the academic issues and Senate Executive Committee officers have been leading the charge, talking to their colleagues, trying to sort through the host of academic issues that arise in this idea of going to virtual instruction.

Regular communication to the campus started in January with the objective to make sure everyone is aware of correct information. Our [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\)](#) webpage and [VCEmergency](#), the **[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)** and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) have links to accurate, up-to-date information.

President Beck reminded the Council of basic health tips and that we can control our personal behaviors. Again, the risk in Ventura County is low at this time and campus leadership, if needed, will respond appropriately if changes are needed.

John Yudelson asked if the campus Covid-19 webpage could also be posted on *Canvas*? Nancy Gill agreed to do so and also noted the top banner on the campus homepage will get people quickly to the Covid-19 webpage.

Jason Miller asked about clues to a potential community spread. President Beck answered that the local Ventura County Public Health Agency will manage any case of Covid-19 in our county. The most important thing we can do right now is to be prepared.

Jason Miller asked about the students currently studying abroad and about University 392 courses cancelled for this summer. President Beck confirmed that there has been direct contact with the students. They are returning to the US and self-isolating for 14 days before returning to campus. Emergency grants are available to make sure they have the financial ability to self-isolate. We will be checking in regularly with them. It's really scary for our students and they are really appreciative of how much care we've given.

President Beck asked if there were any other questions about the campus response? We will be constantly giving updates, we will be constantly communicating, and we will be making decisions as we go. Leadership has stepped up on every level (student leadership, faculty and staff) and thinking about how we creatively meet those two guiding principles.

Nancy Gill pointed out the information resources with direct links and encouraged everyone to read through the FAQ's that are updated regularly.

Teresa Avila asked how faculty should respond to student inquiries now without abandoning the classroom. Interim Provost Say stated a message will be going out to all faculty this afternoon where we try to give some guidance. Our basic message is to keep teaching and there are lots of ways to do that. The university will provide some help and resources for doing that. President Beck said faculty leadership is working through this with the deans and the program chairs. Most important, if a student is sick, they should not come to the University.

Jason Miller agreed that faculty needs to be flexible and communicate with chairs if there are issues. The Division of Academic Affairs Covid-19 committee notes can be found on the [Senate](#) webpage. President Beck agreed, noting resources will also be needed to ensure the continuity of the educational program.

John Yudelson expressed gratitude for working with ASI, student programs and resident assistants and concern for the younger students. President Beck stated they have worked significantly with HRE and the Dean of Students office. The study abroad issue is one example of that. We were able to get emergency grants in the hands of students when they got off a plane in LAX and that took multiple divisions working together to make sure that happened.

President Beck repeated that the most important thing is that everybody is communicating and paying attention to factual information. Knowing that this is a long-term issue, we're just going to have to keep managing it and using the best of our intellectual agility, our creativity and our wisdom, but I'm confident we have the right structures in place and everyone is really engaged in the conversation. We'll navigate it and we'll navigate it together.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.