



CAL POLY

Cal Poly Opportunity Fee Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Zoom Meeting

MEETING RECORD

Members:

Shayna Lynch	Thomas Gutierrez
Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa	Keith Humphrey
Stephanie Hernandez - <i>absent</i>	Denise Isom
Nicolas Wai	Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore
Alan Faz	Angie Kraetsch - <i>non-voting</i>
Michelle Deyski	Jennifer Haft – <i>non-voting</i>
William Chung	Ed Rainbolt – <i>non-voting</i>
America Romero	

Meeting Recorder:

Cari Wilson

Guests Present:

David Valadez
Jamie Patton
Beya Montero

Call to Order/ Introductions

Co-chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves.

Financial Review

David Valadez provided a financial overview for FY 21/22. He informed the committee that the allocation amount available for base funding requests is \$582,397, with the current requests for recommendation totaling \$582,000. He also indicated that the allocation amount available for one-time funding requests is \$160,791, with the current requests for recommendation totaling \$150,000.

Mr. Valadez stated that when decisions were being made in the fall, they were not sure of the funding they would have available. Since the fall, the governor has stated he intends to fund us back to the levels of where we were in 19/20 so we don't have to worry about additional reductions. He added that with enrollment numbers coming in strong, they felt confident putting out a call right now so they could start utilizing those dollars as impactfully as possible sooner rather than later.

One-Time Funding Request Presentations

Beya Montero and Jamie Patton, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for one-time funding for a LatinX Center in the amount of \$150,000. This proposal request would fund a LatinX Center, which would be a milestone that can create systemic change and a demographic shift at Cal Poly. This milestone is critical given that the number of LatinX students are steadily increasing annually and projected to exponentially increase in the coming years. The primary purpose of the LatinX Center will be to center the experiences of LatinX students and ensure their success at Cal Poly and beyond.

Base Funding Request Presentations

Beya Montero and Jamie Patton, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for base funding for the Enhancement and Expansion of Student Diversity and Belonging Programming and Initiatives in the amount of \$410,000. The funding requests support the following priorities and programmatic gaps:

LatinX Student Programming and Initiatives in the amount of \$205,000. The overarching purpose of these programs is to provide culturally relevant programs and support services that foster the successful transition, adjustment, persistence, achievement and graduation of LatinX students.

Native American and Indigenous Student Programming in the amount of \$50,000. The opening of the Native and Indigenous Student Center will occur in fall 2021. This space will enhance and expand programming for key on-campus cultural events like Indigenous Peoples' Day, Beading and Basket weaving workshops, and will increase NAAI speaker representation.

Poly Cultural Weekend in the amount of \$55,000. Poly Cultural Weekend is an important component of the cultural communities' growth and success. During the weekend, prospective students will explore academic, cultural, and social resources. The weekend experience will help students establish a sense of community, cultivate a feeling of belonging, and gain the confidence to succeed at Cal Poly.

Black Academic Excellence Center Programing and Initiatives in the amount of \$25,000. The Black Academic Excellence Center program is committed to supporting the advancement and excellence of Black students and Black student groups within the Cal Poly community. By fostering an inclusive environment, providing academic support, and promoting a positive self-image, the goal is to empower Black students to take full advantage of all the opportunities presented while actively engaging with Black history and culture.

Dream Center Programming and Initiatives Support in the amount of \$25,000. The Dream Center was established to provide resources and programming that promote the academic, professional, and personal development and success of all undocumented students, mixed status families, and allies at Cal Poly. The Dream Center empowers and uplifts the voices of these students, many of whom are fearful of being identified. The center also builds campus-wide trainings and educational resources to increase awareness and understanding of immigration issues.

Enhanced Student Diversity and Belonging Programming in the amount of \$10,000. Student Diversity and Belonging provides supplemental support to all students and centers under its purview, allowing for advanced and innovative collaborations and programs. These programs include the launch of a new peer-to-peer PolyPipeline Mentorship program, increased curricular and co-curricular collaborations with academic affairs such as Intergroup Dialogue and the "I am Cal Poly" photo campaign. These programs contribute to greater sense of belonging and sense of self within the Cal Poly community, while simultaneously empowering students to be champions of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. Jackson-Elmoore, representing Academic Affairs, presented a proposal in the amount of \$122,000 for Transfer Center/Advising Technical Infrastructure Support. This proposal would improve technical infrastructure for advising services across the campus for students.

Dr. Isom, representing the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion, presented a proposal for BEACoN Research and Mentoring Program in the amount of \$50,000. The BEACoN Mentoring Program would provide the opportunity for students to be mentored and work with a faculty member on a research project. Both the faculty member and the student receive compensation. The program also provides workshops for student participants and culminates in an end of the year Research Symposium where all BEACoN participants present their work. This funding will cover the cost for 40 pairs (\$5,000 per pairing - \$3,000 for the student participant and \$2,000 for the faculty member).

Discussion

Co-chair Villa provided background information of how the funding requests came about. She reminded the committee of the Cal Poly experience with Damon Williams that occurred a few years ago. She indicated that as a result of the CPX Survey, President Armstrong issued a campus-wide communication in December 2019 regarding

some of the commitments and investments that the university would make in a variety of areas in diversity and inclusion and cultural centers. She stated that at the time they didn't have the ability to fund them on a permanent basis so they were funded with one-time money with the intent that in the next budget cycle they would be funded. She further explained that the pandemic hit along with budget reductions so those items have never been addressed on a permanent basis. All of the items that have been submitted today are those commitments that were included in President Armstrong's communication to the campus.

Dr. Gutierrez questioned whether proxy voting is allowed if schedules do not permit attending the voting meeting. Co-chair Villa noted that the CPOF Policy does not allow for proxy voting. She mentioned she would like to explore the idea of if you have seen the materials in advance that you could vote in advance. Ms. Haft mentioned that if Dr. Gutierrez could email the co-chairs directly from his email and not from someone else's email, that that could be counted under these special circumstances.

Mr. Faz stated that the committee needs to be really careful regarding proxy voting and that the same benefits need to be applied to students. He pointed out that in the past the students did have the opportunity to vote if they were not able to be present with no exceptions. He stated that if that is going to be changed, that should be applicable to students as well. Co-chair Villa acknowledged that Mr. Faz made a good point and that proxies have not been allowed in the past, but that a modification may be able to be made.

Next Steps

Co-chair Lynch announced the next committee meeting date will be on June 1 at 2:30. Co-chair Villa pointed out that if the committee has any questions before the next meeting to email Ms. Wilson, Co-chair Lynch or Co-chair Villa in order to get those answered before the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shayna Lynch

Shayna Lynch (Jun 1, 2021 15:23 PDT)

Shayna Lynch, Co-chair