



**Cal Poly Opportunity Fee
Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, June 1, 2021
Zoom Meeting

MEETING RECORD

Members:

Shayna Lynch

Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa

Stephanie Hernandez – *absent*

Nicolas Wai

Alan Faz

Michelle Deyski – *absent*

William Chung

America Romero

Thomas Gutierrez

Keith Humphrey – *absent*

Denise Isom

Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore – *absent*

Angie Kraetsch – *non-voting*

Jennifer Haft – *non-voting*

Ed Rainbolt – *non-voting*

Meeting Recorder:

Cari Wilson

Guests Present:

David Valadez

Call to Order

Co-chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Review/Approve Meeting Record

Motion to approve the 5/26/21 meeting record. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion

Dr. Gutierrez stated that he would be voting “No” for the LatinX Center. He clarified that he supports the concept of the center, but he felt the proposal was not clear the way it was presented. He further explained that without the space chosen, it seemed like a big ask for furniture and technical support. Co-chair Villa commented that she understood the proposal seemed nebulous because space has not yet been selected. She shared that in developing priorities for the proposals that were submitted for the committee’s consideration, leadership and the President felt that because there is currently one-time funding available, it would be important to earmark monies for the LatinX Center and make that commitment now even though details will need to be worked out and space needs to be found.

Dr. Isom commented that when she watched the Indigenous center come to fruition, even though there was a clear path and a clear space identified where it would be, the process was still delayed by almost a year because there were not secured funds in order to do what was needed to the space to prepare it. She stated that the LatinX Center was clearly a desire of student activists and leadership and it seemed like the funds would help push the project along and solidify its existence and help it to be as efficient as possible in its development.

Mr. Faz inquired about the proposal made by Student Affairs and whether the committee would be voting on the specific amounts the document specifies for each initiative, or if the committee would be voting on the overall

amount, and if it was discretionary to Student Affairs to decide where the money will go. Co-chair Villa confirmed that the requests were for specific programs and how they have requested it is how it has to be spent.

Mr. Faz questioned if in the future monies are not being spent or a position is no longer there, what happens to the funding that is being allocated every year. Mr. Valadez clarified that each year's unspent funds are being swept back to unallocated funds and they cannot be used for another purpose. Mr. Faz noted he is happy and excited that CPOF is expanding where the monies can go. He commented that there are so many underfunded centers on campus and that he wished there could be more support for other initiatives rather than allocating so much into the LatinX student programming for a center that doesn't exist yet. He commented that if the funds could be redistributed in some other way, he thought that would be amazing.

Voting

Base Funding:

The following base funding allocations were approved by unanimous vote*:

(*Dr. Jackson-Elmoore, Dr. Humphrey and Ms. Deyski voted in support of all four proposals via email)

Student Affairs:

- Enhancement and Expansion of Student Diversity and Belonging Programming \$410,000

Office of University Diversity and Inclusion

- BEAcON Mentoring Program \$50,000

The following base funding allocation was approved by majority vote (10-1):

Academic Affairs:

- Transfer Center/Advising Technical Infrastructure Support \$122,000

One-time Funding:

The following one-time funding allocation was approved by majority vote (10-1):

Student Affairs:

- LatinX Center \$ 150,000

Next Steps

Co-chair Lynch and Co-chair Villa thanked the committee for their dedication. Mr. Faz suggested implementing educational training to better prepare students in how to navigate the committees so they are not so intimidating and to do this before conversations begin about funding proposals. Co-chair Villa said they welcome any suggestions and to please email any ideas you have, and they would be happy to take it into consideration moving forward.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shayna Lynch

Shayna Lynch (Jun 10, 2021 11:42 PDT)

Shayna Lynch, Co-chair