

Thursday, May 27, 2021 Zoom Meeting

MEETING RECORD

Members Present: Shayna Lynch

Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa Thomas Gutierrez

Marissa Hiji Yukie Murphy

Alexander Ameri Angela Kraetsch – non-voting
Hayley Fernandes Derek Gragson – non-voting

Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore

Alan Faz

Amanda Tejeda Perla Estrada

Meeting Recorder: Cari Wilson

Guests Present: Jen Haft Kevin Grant

David Valadez Andres Hernandez

Ed Rainbolt

Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. and the attendees introduced themselves.

Financial Review

David Valadez provided a financial overview for FY21/22. He informed the committee that the allocation amount available for base funding requests is \$1.33M, and the allocation amount available for one-time funding requests is \$2.1M.

Co-chair Villa mentioned the campus is in a better position than anticipated in the current year, but reminded the committee that the campus had a \$15M campus-wide base budget reduction, and that the proposals being put forth are part of an effort to alleviate some of that.

One-Time Funding Request Presentations

Kevin Grant and Andres Hernandez, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for one-time funding for WITH US: Center for Bystander Intervention at Cal Poly in the amount of \$75,000. WITH US was established to broaden the mission and peer-led bystander intervention education model of Aware Awake Alive, a national non-profit organization founded by Scott and Julia Starkey following the alcohol poisoning death of their son Carson, a first-year student at Cal Poly. SSF funding support will sustain critical staff and operating expenses dedicated to advocating, researching, and creating evidence-based movements of bystander intervention, and would offset expenses related to staffing (salary and benefits), student-employees and AmeriCorps positions, and other operating expenses to run the programs and services in FY 21-22.

Dr. Jackson-Elmoore, representing Academic Affairs, presented a proposal for one-time funding for Student Success Support within the Colleges in the amount of \$2.07M. This proposal would provide the Provost with the ability to direct crucial funds to high priority areas of need: Access to classes, equipment repairs and replacement, lab costs and improvements, and classroom improvements.

Base Funding Request Presentations

Dr. Jackson-Elmoore, representing Academic Affairs, presented a proposal for base funding for Access to Classes – Tenure Density in the amount of \$1,328,000M. In order to meet student demand and provide adequate courses to students while not adversely affecting tenure density, additional tenure-track faculty are needed. The continued high demand in our polytechnic core necessitates an investment in tenure-track faculty to satisfy the growing demand for these high-cost programs. Tenure-track faculty are needed to support learn by doing capstone experiences as well as faculty-directed student research. Funding will ensure access to classes, improve progress towards a degree, and will provide critical funds to enhance the student academic experience.

Discussion

Ms. Hiji inquired regarding Student Success Support within the Colleges and whether they could be provided with a list of what the colleges had requested. Mr. Rainbolt confirmed he has that information and could provide it.

Mr. Faz and Mr. Ameri inquired regarding Access to Classes – Tenure Density and how many tenure track faculty positions SSFAAC is being asked to approve and what those positions are. Dr. Jackson-Elmoore stated that the timing is off this year because all of the budget cycles got pushed. The colleges are in the process of putting that information together. She noted there were 39 positions that they came up with originally. Dr. Jackson-Elmoore added that she would like to look to see how the requests tied into it, and wouldn't want to hold them to what they originally thought versus what they are putting in now. She confirmed she could make that information available, but needs to wait to see what their final requests are.

Next Steps

Co-chair Lynch reminded the committee that the next SSFAAC meeting is June 1 at 11:30 and to please come ready to vote and have any final discussion points prepared.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shayna Lynch, Co-chair