

University Leadership Council Meeting Notes

July 23, 2015

Members Present: Amber Blakeslee, Seth Bradley, Mary Hackett, Denice Helwig, Alex Hwu, Anna Kircher, John Lee, Colleen Mullery, Cyril Oberlander, Lisa Rossbacher, Steve Smith, Frank Whitlatch, Rhea Williamson, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe

Guests: Jená Burges, Randi Darnall Burke

President's Report

President Rossbacher asked Dean John Lee for an update on faculty member Meenal Rana following a recent tragic accident in which Meenal's husband was killed. Dean Lee will send a message to employees requesting donations for a Go Fund Me account and catastrophic leave donations. Dean of Students Randi Darnall Burke will work with Department Chair Claire Knox to notify students in the Child Development program about Meenal's condition.

President Rossbacher is considering input from the group on the ULC charge and membership. She will make a report on the results at a future meeting.

The CSU Board of Trustees held a one-day retreat followed by a one-day regular trustees' meeting in July. The Trustees are working on a plan of strategic intent, building on the System's existing strategic plans. Chancellor White will visit all 23 campuses this year accompanied by selected trustees to gather information about how the CSU's guiding principles affect each campus.

Most CSU staff and management members will receive a 2% raise effective July 1. The California Faculty Association and the CSU are still negotiating the faculty salary increase for 2015-16. The CSU budget for 2015-16 was fully funded by the State legislature for the first time in 10 years. Most of the additional money is earmarked for specific initiatives, including additional compensation, academic facilities and infrastructure improvements, information technology renewals, and mandatory cost increases in health insurance and retiree benefits.

HSU will receive an increase of 3% for enrollment growth funding which will allow for additional class sections and necessary student services. In addition, specific student success and completion initiatives were funded with the requirement that funds be used in the following areas: tenure-track faculty hiring; enhanced advising; augment bottlenecks solutions (more on-line concurrent enrollment sections); student preparation; high-impact practices for student retention; and data-driven decision making. The University Resources and Planning Committee (URPC) included many of these areas in their 2015-16 budget recommendation to the President. President Rossbacher will also implement a faculty salary equity program that will affect 117 tenure-track and tenured faculty members.

The Board of Trustees will begin budget development for 2016-17 in September.

Next Meeting

The next ULC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the CCR.