

President's Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020

Voting Members Present	Area Budget Reps Present:	Staff Present:	Guests Present:
Hector Ochoa	Radmila Prislín	Leslie Levinson	Wil Weston
Steve Welter	Crystal Little	Nance Lakdawala	Christian Holt
Agnes Wong Nickerson	David Fuhriman		Cyndi Chie
Christy Samarkos	Rashmi Praba		
Nola Butler-Byrd	Tony Chung		
Mark Reed	Dana Smith		
Brittany Santos-Derieg	Sheryl Necochea		
Christian Onwuka			
Cassie Aaron			
Rebecca Lewison			
Khaled Morsi			
Sherry Ryan			
Luke Wood			

Voting Members Absent: Area Budget Reps Absent

Jerry Sheehan
Mark Wheeler
Debra Bertram
Adrienne Vargas
Tom McCarron

- I. Call to order - Call for amendments to agenda** – Interim VP Wong Nickerson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. She asked if there were any amendments to the agenda but there were none.

II. Information Items

2020/21 Budget Update (May Revise) - Interim VP Wong Nickerson gave an update about the May Revise. PBAC last met in mid-March and everyone has been working on COVID-19 issues since then. The EOC meets daily and there are ongoing changes. The governor issued the May Revise on May 14th and that budget will be very close to the final budget. There may be an update in August. There is a \$9.7B deficit for this year + \$32B for 2020/21 + \$13B from COVID = \$54.7B total deficit. The State is using a multi-year strategy, drawing from rainy day reserves

and CARES, pulling some programs and deferred maintenance, and processing budget cuts. There are still some budget hearings so we will know more in a few weeks.

For the CSU, the \$199M additional funding was pulled and there will be a 10% cut of approximately \$398M. SDSU anticipates getting a \$23M cut but some of the larger campuses may experience a deeper cut to support the smaller campuses. What actions can we take to balance the budget? We can pause some programs and projects. We have paused the PBAC 1x allocation requests for this year. We can reduce some operating expenses (hiring chill, travel), and review reserves. We will still need to fund some critical needs. We don't anticipate receiving any federal funding.

We received \$29M CARES funding + \$2.3M for being a minority serving institution. We are using \$14.7 for student emergency grants. We have \$17M left that can be used to defray COVID-19 costs which are currently \$43M. This will be discussed later in today's meeting.

VP Samarkos said CARES funding has served 22,576 students for a total of \$11M. There is \$2.8M in reserves for the ECRT. DACA and international students did not qualify for CARES so we are using other funding for them and have helped 285 students so far. We are finalizing a process by tomorrow to help other students. A.S. President Onwuka said students are excited that they received financial help so quickly but they were surprised they weren't given notice beforehand. VP Samarkos responded that was done purposely for security reasons. Dr. Butler-Byrd inquired about some graduate students that were not included and asked about aid with housing costs. VP Samarkos responded we encouraged all students to fill out the FAFSA to determine eligibility, and we did some targeted communications. We have no control over private housing but our Housing Coordinator reached out to private housing companies, and offered students our A.S. free legal services. Also, some students applied to ECRT for financial assistance.

2020/21 PBAC Proposals – Interim VP Wong Nickerson said we are putting the discretionary items on hold and are not able to follow the normal PBAC process.

Enrollment Update – Provost Ochoa said he will talk about retention and yield. Summer enrollment is higher than last year's. Most of the classes will be virtual. Retention for fall is currently at 53% (176 students behind). We have a task force contacting students to encourage them to return. We have also postponed the tuition payment to June 15th. Our goal is 4,100 incoming resident freshmen and 1,000 non-resident. We estimate a 5% melt which means other universities can offer our students incentives even after students have committed to attend SDSU. Our enrollment deadline was May 1st for resident and June 1st for non-resident. We have 4,121 total resident and 908 non-resident confirmed. We also have a resident wait list that we can use. We have a goal of 7,936 CA residents and 8,350 have committed. We are at 93% of our non-resident goal. Provost Ochoa said there were two virtual Explore open house events that were very successful.

Dr. Ryan asked about the \$199M that was pulled. What happens to the mandatory cost items that fell under this funding. Provost Ochoa said the Department of Finance is still discussing.

Dr. Chie said she hasn't seen many staff members on the tiger teams. Provost Ochoa said he will send the list of tiger teams to PBAC (see attached) and others are welcome to participate. The provost will also share Dr. Chie's comment with the EOC Policy Group tonight.

CARES Act Funding – Interim AVP Little gave a presentation on CARES Act Funding (see attached). It focuses on the institutional and minority funding institution amount of \$17M. This funding can only cover expenses after March 31st relating to COVID-19. Interim AVP Little described the recommendation for how this funding will be spent (see attachment).

III. Reports

- None

IV. Watch List

- **COVID-19** – Already discussed
- **Graduation Initiative 2025** – No update
- **IT Governance** – No update
- **Infrastructure (electrical/steam)** – No update
- **Mission Valley** – No update

V. New Business

- None

VI. Reminder

- **Next Meeting Date – August 27, 2020 via Zoom.** Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.