

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2024

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Attended by: **Qiaojie Xiong** (Neurobiology and Behavior), **Mark Chambers** (Africana Studies & History) **Brittain Mahaffey** (Psychiatry/Psychology), **Jerome Liang** (Radiology), Shipra Agrawal (Department of Medicine), **Glen Itzkowitz** (SoM Asso Dean, Research Facilities & Operations), **Pamela Ginex** (School of Nursing), **Roger Sher** (Neurobiology and Behavior), **Iris Fineberg** (School of Social Welfare), **Yong Chen** (School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences), **Clara Tran** (Library) **Jason Trelewicz** (Mat. Science & Engineering)

Agenda Items

Approval of September meeting minutes

Introduction of the committee members to Dr. Lejuez

Conversation with Dr. Carl Lejuez (Provost)

- Strategic Enrollment Planning: Highlights (slide) - is about growing our research and education
Undergraduate & Graduate: To what extent should we planfully grow UG and/or Grad enrollment? And if we do, what are the most important factors to address?
 1. 2 years ago, there was no strategy on how to grow and the need for the resources. More students in certain units than could be accommodated.
 2. Monies could have gone to faculty or research equipment
 3. Last of all public AAUs when it comes to advisors and tutoring for students.
 4. USRC - what recommendation can we make
 5. Mix of students: In state / Out of state SBU 15% - SBU needs to raise that number 30% / 70% Need a variety of intersectionality/diversity
 - a. $15\% + 1\% = \$700,000 \times 15$ increase in funds to accomplish what SBU needs to do - more that \$40 million dollars (in 5 years)
 - b. Increase international student population
 - c. Target enrollment at departments - SBU highest in the nations of publics for Pell Students
 6. Need to raise our out-of-state tuition
 7. More students - build revenue - more diverse
 8. Graduate - Need housing/dining/buildings/sewage/academic staff to grow our PhD programs
 9. Student Housing - need 3-4000 beds - to support our research mission
- Questions:
 - a. Q: Named a Flagship - State needs to make an investment; Is there any sense that this type of investment to allow SBU to accelerate?

Carl Response: Raising in state tuition SBU is lower and so are many southern universities; not allowed to charge more for certain degrees; infrastructure - \$2 billion in deferred maintenance (\$85 million to maintain/year); we cannot buy our own building ; Chemistry should get a new building; Proposing Bio/Sciences Complex - generate NIH dollars; Earth Building; Need another Engineering Building; Business School Building; SBU Based Budget has been increased 2 years for inflationary cost;

- b. Q: Out of state students targeted outreach to other states / schools / guidance counselors - to make aware of SBU

Carl Response: SBU Name change so that people are aware;
Slide - 2024 50 Top Public College Stats - in order of ranking/cost

- c. Q: Investment in important pieces of equipment needed in facilities.

Carl Response: VPR (Dr. Kevin Garner) is serious about how to access monies already in place.

- Understanding new budget harmonization initiative, IDC and return of funds to departments
 - Budget Model: IDC money goes to the Colleges/units - paying overhead, space, new lines (startups), etc. Deans begin to do and then test it out
 - Q: how would the library anticipate how much funds they have to use from overhead?
 - Carl Response, Faculty/Staff in Libraries on West Campus (slide) need to be clear about what the overhead is for the library - so as to keep up with inflationary costs.
- Follow up regarding library funding support: Pilot fund for Article Galaxy; Publication fees; policies for both east and west campus
 - Worldcat - Services
- Staffing levels in office of grants management/OVPR for assisting with pre and post submission of grants
 - Keven has a plant to hire - positions to be filled
 - How to put more post award into the units
- Issues related to IT divide between east and west campus
 - Where there can be bridges - should solve the issue of two different email systems, but also take into consideration different needs in different disciplines.

Remaining Meetings for 2024-2025

November 8th, 2024 Dr. Kevin Gardner (VPR)

December 13th, 2024

February 14th, 2024 Dr. Kevin Gardner (VPR)

March 14th, 2024

April 11th, 2024

May 9th, 2024