FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: February 22, 2018

PRESENT: E. Acevedo, A. Harrison, J. Li, D. Ribera, Y. Song, S. Xing, A. Fuligni


Absence: M. Romero

Chair E. Acevedo convened the meeting at 9:25 a.m. in ADM. 313.

1. Announcements: None

2. Intent to Raise Questions: None.

3. Chair’s Report: Chair Acevedo had nothing to report.


5. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 17 06): M/s/p (A. Fuligni) as approved.

6. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 17 07): M/s/p (D. Ribera) as approved.

7. FiPC membership: Faculty handbook revision: M/s/p (A. Fuligni)

8. Budget Priorities 2018-19: FiPC members reviewed the Budgetary Priorities and still have concerns about class room shortage, building repairs, lactation rooms, and gender-neutral bathrooms. Discussions were also made about incentives to reduce parking issues. Discussions also focused on using technology to reduce in person meetings and provide more telecommuting options, such as Zoom that would also alleviate stress on parking. Members agreed that more resources are needed for the University to implement this change. Additional concerns we discussed about trash collection, chairs, white board, and washing and waxing floors for various buildings. Chair Acevedo will follow up with the members if there are additional costs from facilities for these services.

9. Survey to Assess Students’ Fiscal Needs – Update. Chair Acevedo noted to members that FiPC is still waiting for updates on survey provided by W. Hess last semester. However, she provided FiPC members with a survey conducted by ASI Vice President for Academic Governance Neyda Umana. This survey was given to students from all six colleges with 346 responses in one week. The survey asked questions to rank preferences of listed topics. Based on the results, the topics that were most important to the students were: College Affordability (Financial Aid, Higher Education Finance, Cost of Living); Mental Wellness & Health; The Graduation 2025 Initiative and Tuition Increases; Sexual Harassment & Assault on College Campuses; 1st Generation College Experience. FiPC members evaluated the issues the students had concerns about. Based on additional finding from the survey, FiPC members recommended that advisors in each college’s advisement center be provided training to help students with a clear pathway to discuss careers, work schedule, mental wellness, and college affordability. Chair Acevedo noted email from Dr. Baker announcing that The Guerrilla Food Pantry has reopened, although students are still encouraged to use the University operated food pantry. A. Harrison will email the flyers to all FiPC members to share with their College.

10. Adjournment: M/s/p (D. Ribera) adjourned at 10:40 a.m.