

## PLANNING AND BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE

## **Summary Meeting Notes February 19, 2025**

APPROVED on March 5, 2025

Members Present: Co-Chairs: Henry Hua, Bridget Kominek; Faculty Senate Rep: Ziza Delgado; Management Rep: Anita Carlos; Grant Linsell; Classified Rep: Gilberto Valencia; Members Absent: Denise Leonen; Resource Member: Daniel Berumen; Guest: Carlos Ayon, Dean of Business & CIS.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 2:02 pm.

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** Bridget announced that since Henry needed to leave the meeting early, the last three agenda items will be moved to the top. Motion to approve the updated Agenda by Ziza Delgado; second by Gilberto Valencia; all in favor; no abstentions.

Motion to Approve Notes: The November 20, 2024 meeting notes were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Grant; Second by Bridget; all in favor; no abstentions. The February 5, 2025 meeting notes were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Ziza; Second by Gilberto; all in favor; no abstentions

Public Comments: None.

Co-chair Reports: None.

E-Sports Gaming Computers Request: Henry stated we have three emergency requests brought to PBSC from Vice President of Instruction Dr. Nunez. The first one is a request to purchase E-Sports gaming computers to create a semi-gaming environment in the amount of \$62,459 to support on campus and dual enrollment cohorts. Bridget stated that the "Statement of Urgency and Alignment with Campus Mission" is attached to the agenda. The items being requested include consoles, cabling, chairs, headsets, gaming monitors and 20 gaming laptops. Dean Carlos Ayon was present as a guest, and discussed that last spring, he was asked by our leadership here with Vice President Hua and Dr. Olivo to work with our partnerships in Anaheim as they have an emerging E-Sports pathway from their middle schools to the High Schools and through the Anaheim collaborative. We are also connected with UCI who has a huge E-Sports Program, and what we were asked to do is begin to look at pathways for students to come through our programs either through Dual Enrollment or our native programs here as college students and through transfer institutions such as UCI. We brought in our Digital Arts (DART) for

the game design and other areas to see how we can incorporate a comprehensive E-Sports pathway for students. E-Sports is an experience and so we have it as a co-curricular with gaming game design programming as a way to get students to find a home on campus. Because it was the end of the semester, we didn't have a plan for resource allocation. Our Strong Workforce and Perkins monies were already allocated. Our program review had already been completed, and E-Sports was not on our agenda because we were not clear if it should be in the Bus/CIS or Athletics Division. We have game design courses, but trying to build an E-Sports program is different because of the gaming aspect with needs such as Playstations, Nintendos, and Xboxes. We have a new faculty member that is engaging in this area. We have scheduled a couple of E-Sports courses and the equipment we have is not useful. We are still in transition for space as 300 Building is under construction and we do not have set labs. We have the Emerging Technology Lab which houses our CyberSecurity defense Program. It has some tools to have competitive space, but it doesn't have the gaming computers and that is why the request came in at this time with some urgency. We plan to look at space in the 500 Building to build an Esports arena and invest now. We can use laptops for mobile competitions and use across campus. Henry's concern is the wireless infrastructure as if you are playing video games using our wireless, that would not be a very good gaming experience. You would want to use a local LAN allowing direct connection to the Internet. Carlos stated the Emerging Technologies Lab in room 523 has its own internet. We have courses for E-Sports, but it's not a program.

Grant said he met with a Dean at UCI and this topic came up. They are interested in this partnership as it's beneficial for incoming transfer students to already be knowledgeable and experienced and could reduce any drop rate in their courses. With the Anaheim Collaborative, we are trying to push this program along. Faculty Rep Ziza stated competitions garner a lot of visibility and interest to capture students. Carlos added we could potentially capture their interest and bring them to our campus and expose them to other parts across campus. Bridget asked if the PBSC recommends this to be funded, what is the source. Henry replied we have local dollars to purchase the laptops from a percentage of this year's program review dollars. The remaining items could be purchased with Lottery funds. Strong Workforce and Perkins money is not loaded until next year and they want to purchase now.

Bridget stated the group will forward this item to their constituent groups, and a vote will take place at the next meeting.

**Pitch Clock Purchase (Athletics) Request:** Henry stated this request is to redistribute prior year program review allocation funds to purchase 3C2A (California Community College Athletic Association – oversees 108 athletic programs throughout the state) regulation required pitch clocks necessary for baseball. The College technically sweeps unused program review monies, but since this is a mandatory need, we are considering this request. Athletics no longer needs to purchase the items they were previously awarded funds for and would like to use the balance in the amount of \$7,909 + \$2,736 in conjunction with \$3,234.40 in funds provided by Dr. Nunez to help fund the cost of the Pitch Clocks at \$13,060.40.

Since the pitch clocks are mandatory, Ziza made a motion to reallocate \$9,826 in program review funds to allow the Physical Education Division to purchase the pitch clocks; seconded by Anita; the motion passed unanimously.

Analytical Balances in Chemistry: The next request is to redistribute prior year program review allocation funds to purchase replacement analytical balances in Chemistry Dept. in the amount of \$10,680.12. Grant made a motion to reallocate \$10,680.12 in program review funds to allow the Natural Sciences Division to purchase the analytical balances for the Chemistry Dept; seconded by Ziza; the motion passed unanimously.

2025-2029 Strategic Plan Draft for Feedback: Fullerton College is drafting the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. It's a collaborative effort in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the Program Review and Planning Committee. The draft comes from the Planning Forum on February 7, 2025, where about 45 people participated in discussion and brainstorming. A smaller group stayed afterwards, and this is the version that went to PRPC. Our committee will review the draft, and in March, it will tour the subcommittees on campus. The mission needs the most help. Goals and Objectives are internal and used to operationalize our strategic plan, but the vision, mission and core values will go to the board with any revisions resulting from feedback and updates at their second meeting in May. The Core Values were revised about two years ago, so we are asking for the most input on the Mission. Our current Board is comfortable with our core values. Goals and objectives do not go to the board. We can update them as they serve as a guide for our program review and planning processes at the college. The committee discussed the draft, and Bridget asked the group to review and provide feedback as needed so we can discuss it again at our next meeting. There will be another Feedback Forum mid-April.

Program Review Annual Update Resource Requests: The PRPC will vote on the first batch at their meeting on 2/27. The PBSC will review and evaluate the first batch of approved resource requests from the PRPC at the PBSC meeting on March 5. Subsequent batches will be released and reviewed by the PBSC at the 3/19, 4/2, and 4/16 meetings for endorsement and recommendation to PAC. There are about 220 requests; however, Henry and Anita will review and filter out from our consideration for endorsement any requests related to full-time position hires and capital projects. They will also highlight any resource requests where alternative funding sources may be available. Bridget stated about 60-70 are for operational expenses. Henry has not released the available funding amount for program review allocation. We hope to get a comprehensive list by April 16 to get a list to Faculty Senate and PAC for a first read by the end of April and a vote on our recommendation by PAC before the Spring semester ends.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Meeting notes submitted by Melisa McLellan, Secretary