

# Campus Finance Committee Meeting

**Date:** 5/21/2021

**Time:** 8am

## In Attendance

Elizabeth Watkins, Gerry Bomotti, Anil Deolalikar, Brian Haynes, Christopher Lynch, Deborah Deas, Jason Stajich, Jeff Girard, Jennifer Brown, Juliet McMillian, Katherine Kinney, Kathryn Uhrich, Kevin Vaughn, Louie Rodriguez, Mariam Lam, Peter Hayashida, Rodolfo Torres, Shaun Bowler, Steven Mandeville-Gamble, Yunzeng Wang, and Stephanie Flores (committee support)

## Opening Statement/CFC Purpose - Liz

Vision for the CFC is to engage leaders from across the campus in the collaboration of overall resources allocation strategies at the Campus level and at the Org level (best practices) so that shared principles are evident in all decisions as resources are limited.

CFC is advisory to Provost for consensus building as part of the decision-making process. Actual decisions belongs to the Chancellor, but he may delegate certain decisions to the Provost or the CFC.

Representation on the CDC requires active two-way communication – this group needs to reach out to their communities by creating a cascade of information and then listen to their communities to bring information back to this group.

Listen to each other and be mindful about when others are speaking. Feel free to vocalize disagreement respectfully.

Upcoming topics – graduate students, staff levels, credit weighting

## HEERF Funds Overview - Gerry

Uses of funds need to have a nexus to COVID. New federal administration has increased flexibility back to March 13, 2020 with the passage of the American Recovery Plan Act in March 2021.

HEERF I uses were limited to student financial aid, reimbursements of refunds to students, and costs to move to remote instructions – these funds have expired, but we were able to spend them all appropriately and by the end of August 2020. Federal Single Audit has been done on these funds and we are awaiting the final report.

HEERF II and HEERF III have very similar language being student financial aid with a priority to students with exceptional need, revenue losses and student success/support activities. UCR received the HEERF II grant award notice in Feb 2021. The grant award notice for HEERF III is still pending.

The loss of state revenue has already been drawn from the HEERF II funds and is easy to justify to the current state audit and a possible future feral audit. The Dual-Instruction Project to ready general assignment classrooms for Fall will be funded directly by the grant funds.

FEMA is also a federal source of funding and so expenses are being reviewed and routed to a FEMA claim submission or HEERF funds according to the terms of the different programs. FEMA reimbursement is usually 70%, but has been increased to 100% for the COVID emergency.

## HEERF Funding Discussion – all attendees

The starting point for the HEERF list distributed is based on the monthly submissions by every Org and discussions around return to campus efforts currently underway.

Items to consider/research for inclusion in the list:

- Impact on Grad Student Research has been variable across campus – Human Subject Research has been most affected. Time to degree has been extended.
- Impacts to Faculty Research. Salaries were allowed to be charged to grants, but budgets were not augmented, but the loss of productivity is going to be a problem.
- Grad Prep Programs
- Emergency grants to students from College/School funds (check with Financial Aid to see if they qualify under the HEERF requirements)
- A reserve for costs that are bound to come up as we get closer to the Fall return

Current UCR staffing issues could result in future losses with regards to retention. The staffing levels were not adequate prior to Covid and we need to look at the way the campus operates – prioritize effectiveness over efficiency. This will be important for future allocations of on-going funds.

Priorities to consider from Lost Revenue – ITS is a special category that needs to be considered, Housing and Dining losses – need to understand the impact to students in the future, Auxiliary losses could have a negative impact in future student fees

Considerations in developing Guiding Principles for HEERF decisions – ITS is critical to the university infrastructure, look at a gradation of nexus to COVID in determining any allocations, student success and time to degree, don't burden the students with fee increases in the future

## Action Items

- Org Leaders – Are there any covid-related costs not included in the list?
- FP&A – Reorganize the HEERF list splitting out unit versus central impacts, what has been decided/funded already

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 3 at 10:30am