Campus Finance Committee Meeting

**Date**: 6/2/2021

**Time**: 10:30am

# In Attendance

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

# HEERF Funds Overview – Liz/Steph

Review of the HEERF II Grant funding

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| Federal Funding - Grant Award to UCR | HEERF II |
| **TOTAL Grant Award** | $46,440,300 |
|  **Less: Financial Aid** | $14,867,313 |
| **Balance for Campus** | $31,572,987 |
| **Draws on Federal Grants - Expenses or Lost Revenue** | **HEERF II** |
| *Expenses directly to Grant* |   |
| ITS - Dual mode instruction upgrades campus classrooms | $1,350,000 |
| VPDUE - Dual mode instruction assistance (Grad Students) | $650,000 |
| *Lost Revenue* |   |
| State Budget Cut of General Funds | $29,572,987 |
| **Total Draw on Federal Grant** | **$31,572,987** |
| *Remaining Balance to Draw* | *$0* |
| **Lost Revenue transfers to Discretionary for Allocation** | **$29,572,987** |
| **Discretionary Allocations (Decisions)** |   |
| Allocation to core units to help with transition to full budget cuts | $10,000,000 |
| Allocations to UE, ITS, VCSA for remote instruction/working/ learning costs and COVID testing in Summer/Fall 2020 | $2,854,047 |
| **Total Discretionary Allocations** | **$12,854,047** |
| **Unallocated Balance**  | **$16,718,940** |

The urgent campus requests for the use of HEERF funds for covid-related costs for Fall re-opening totals $2.8M. The costs include: expanding the wireless network, additional laptops and hotspots for connectivity, Zoom/Webinars for large classes, whiteboard enhancement technology, digital support for text apps, a public health peer & ambassador student program, etc. Need a decision today.

# HEERF Funds Proposal - Liz

First discussions have revealed that our people need to be seen and heard due to the impacts of COVID on their careers and lives. We need to recognize our people.

Need to stay within the guardrails of the grant because we will be audited on these funds. This particular funding is not as flexible or similar to other sections of the Federal Acts like the stimulus payments.

#1. Faculty Support (specifically our 233 junior faculty) – offer either $35K to hire a PhD student (GSR) for 1 year or a $15K research allocation (lab equipment, travel to archives, transcription, etc.). **Total cost - Up to $8M**.

#2. Grad Student Support – offer PhD student completion grants of up to $35K to students who are near the finish line or who are at risk for dropping out. **Total cost - Up to $1.8M.**

#3. Research Grants – Provide the Academic Senate with $1M to be used for faculty at any level who have experience covid-related impacts to their research. **Total Cost - Up to $1M.**

#4. Undergraduate Student Support – The VPDUE is putting together a proposal to assist UG students who’s academic path has been affected by covid. **Total Cost - Up to $3M.**

#5. Staff Support – Unclear on how to offer support, possibly professional development, but need to recognize this group. **Total Cost - Up to $3M.**

# Discussion on Proposal - all

Junior Faculty Support

* Some junior faculty have spent start-up packages with little return and others have felt no impact
* There is an important message here and that being support of our faculty
* Considerations - range on the amount, severity of the impact, varying by discipline, equity across disciplines, reducing from 1 year to 1 or 2 quarters
* Academic Senate Committtee on Research could help with the differentiations
* What about LSOEs?
* What about impacts to master’s and UG research experience?

Graduate Student Support

* Support for Master’s students who have also been affected by the pandemic
* Consider basic need grants to students for things as simple as a gift card for gas or groceries
* The Financial Aid portion of the HEERF grants was also provided to Graduate Students although more challenging because not all had FAFSA applications on file, but should be considered in the broader context

Undergraduate Student Support

* Degree completion grants should be part of the proposal
* Consider basic need grants to students for things as simple as a gift card for gas or groceries
* HEERF I, II, and III required $70M in financial aid grants to students and HEERF III requires additional direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity for financial aid adjustments, but should be considered in the broader context

Staff Support

* Consider the demographic of our staff, includes represented and non-represented, working on campus throughout or working remotely
* Emergency grants due to layoffs, reduction in time, etc.
* Purchasing remote work equipment (chairs, keyboards, monitors, printers, etc.) or other tools to be successful in a remote or hybrid environment. Note: these are not “gifts” but rather university property assigned to employees under existing policy/procedures
* coffee cart that travels around campus once or twice a month offering coffee or baked goods
* UC system-wide group is examining mental health/basic needs of staff and so possibly ideas will come out of that group in a few weeks

Other/Misc.

* Need to save some for a rainy day fund as well. We don’t know what needs might pop up this Fall when we attempt to more fully populate the campus.
* How are we going to look back at these decisions in 3-4 years…..we are experiencing a loss of 300 students from one quarter to the next due to covid-related impacts. Barriers to persistence.
* The FY22 State Budget is unlikely to be enough to restore the first round of budget cuts as the budget cuts also included unfunded salary and benefit increases and other mandated expenses. We are still looking at a $30M shortfall over FY21 and FY22.
* HEERF II grant end date – 2/15/22
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* Invite Director of Financial Aid to come to a future meeting to explain the HEERF process [Jose will join us 6/15]
* Wrap up the HEERF Funds recommendations and/or priorities in the next 1-2 meetings

# Action Items

**Motion:** Consensus to recommend to the Chancellor and Provost that $2.8M for immediate needs be approved. Majority agreement.

* CFC members need to consider the proposals on the table. Review your monthly state cost tracking with your CFAOs to ensure that all revenue losses have been reported.
* Gerry and Jeff work together on an idea of Staff Support program.
* Gerry and Steph to bring Revenue Loss Summary.
* FP&A will work on the funding strategy based on the HEERF guidelines and create letters to affirm the Chancellor/Provost decisions from the CFC recommendations.

# Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 15 at 1:30pm