

College of San Mateo

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 14, 2021

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Via Zoom

Members Present: Arianna Avendano, Tania Farjat, Stephen Heath, Teresa Morris, Linda Allen, Micaela Ochoa, Andreas Wolf, Steven Lehigh and Jia Chung

Staff: Stephanie Martinez and Luz Román-Amaro

Micaela called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. The following members and support staff were present:

Andreas Wolf	Stephen Heath
Arianna Avendano	Steven Lehigh
Jia Chung	Tania Farjat
Linda Allen	Teresa Morris
Micaela Ochoa	

Welcome and Review Agenda

Micaela introduced the new members of the Finance Committee, congratulated Jia Chung, Acting Business Officer, welcomed her new Executive Assistant, Luz Román-Amaro and thanked Stephanie Martinez for supporting the Finance Committee during the absence of the Executive Assistant.

Micaela presented the agenda and the minutes from September 9, 2021.

Linda Allen asked for information about the HEERF.

Micaela explained that HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) are federal dollars allocated to institutions of higher education for direct student aid and college institutional needs as a result of the pandemic. HEERF requires that a minimum of 50% be allocated for direct student aid and 50% for college institutional purposes directly related to the pandemic. Three HEERF rounds have been granted (HEERF I, HEERF II and HEERF III). Micaela mentioned that HEERF is an item later on the agenda when she will explain it in further detail.

Micaela welcomed Linda Allen and explained that we had a vacancy from IPC and Linda Allen, who is a member of IPC, was appointed as the IPC representative on the Finance Committee.

Review and Approval of September 9, 2021 Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes from the September 9, 2021 meeting. After review, the September 9, 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

Report from October 6, 2021 IPC Meeting

Micaela provided a report about the two items presented at the IPC meeting on October 6, 2021. The first was an action item for the appointment from IPC to the Finance Committee. Linda Allen was appointed as the IPC representative on the Finance Committee. She replaces Jose Rocha, who has one year left on the committee. The second was an informational item related to the changes made to the membership section of the bylaws.

Micaela explained that the updates were presented to IPC as an informational item to see if there were any questions and to get any feedback. The item was reviewed and there were no questions. Micaela indicated that the updated bylaws would be an action item on the agenda of the next IPC meeting in November.

Report for October 11, 2021 Management Council Meeting

Micaela explained that we also had a vacancy from Management Council. Andreas Wolf had been serving as the appointee on the Finance Committee for the past two years.

Micaela presented the vacancy at Management Council on October 11 and mentioned that Andreas Wolf was willing to continue to serve as the appointee. Management Council appointed Andreas Wolf to the Finance Committee for a 2-year term.

Micaela thanked Andreas Wolf for willing to continue to serve on the FC.

Micaela explained to the new members that the Finance Committee would like to ensure some committee continuity. With these two new appointments, we have addressed one of those concerns. Arianna Avendano was also appointed for another 2-year term. We now have continuity.

Review and Approve Updated Committee Bylaws, Membership, and Required committee Replacements

Micaela stated that this is an action item for the Finance Committee. Previously, the committee included two members of IPC (Arielle Smith and Jose Rocha), 1 Faculty member (Steven Lehigh), 1 Classified member (Arianna Avendano), 1 student (Anthony Frangos) and 1 administrator (Andreas Wolf).

Micaela explained that the following changes were made to the Finance Committee's membership schedule and by laws:

- 1 member from IPC (Linda Allen),
- 2 Faculty members (Steven Lehigh & Stephen Heath),

- 2 classified staff members (Arianna Avendano & 1 staff to be determined),
- 1 Student member (Tania Farjat) and
- 1 Administrator (Andreas Wolf).

Stephen Heath will follow up with Teresa Morris to confirm that he is the academic senate appointee.

Arianna will follow up with Fauzi Hamadeh to get the appointment of the additional classified staff member.

Micaela will add Andreas to the 21-22 schedule.

Micaela added a side-note for historical reference to show the history of the membership.

The updated by laws and membership schedule changes were approved and will be presented as an action item at the next IPC meeting.

Review Items for October 20 or November 3 IPC Meeting

Micaela mentioned that this will be the opportunity to review items to present at the next IPC meeting either on October 20 or November 3.

Micaela reminded the committee that at the last FC meeting it was suggested that an onboarding or a general overview report about budget concepts and one about 21-22 Year-End Expenditures could be presented at the next IPC meeting. She asked the committee for suggestions about additional items to present.

Andreas Wolf asked if the additional funds provided by the state for faculty are a one-time or ongoing funds. Micaela responded that we confirmed the amount and it is ongoing.

Micaela communicated that staff are working in an updated list of total number of budgeted and vacant positions so that as we go through the resource request process we can differentiate between new and existing positions.

Micaela confirmed with the committee the information that they would like to present to IPC, and confirmed with Steven Lehigh if he would be willing to present it. Micaela has another commitment at the same time, but communicated she would provide Steven Lehigh with a PowerPoint. The committee agreed to the items, and Steven Lehigh agreed to present the report to IPC as discussed and approved.

Provide Update on HEERF III College Institutional Expenditures Budgets

Micaela explained that she would focus on HEERF III college institutional budgets.

Micaela reminded the committee that at the last meeting they talked about the HEERF III dollars focused on direct student aid. We increased the amount since the first allocation. HEERF I was received in Spring 2020, then we received HEERF II and HEERF III in

subsequent semesters. In total as a district, we have received close to \$50 M, one-time HEERF funds. HEERF I has been entirely spent. HEERF II and III balances need to be spent by May 2022.

A portion of HEERF II and III funds have been allocated to the district office to help offset the revenue lost from early withdrawal and reduced enrollment.

Micaela proceeded to give an update on the College Institutional Technology piece that is being funded by HEERF III funds. She stated that we are using \$447,000 for technology for students and staff.

Micaela shared that we also allocated approximately \$900 K for Hyflex classrooms and spaces; about \$30 K per space. In total, between the two projects, we have about 1.3 million of HEERF III funds allocated to technology purchases. Micaela communicated that Administration would present the classrooms that will be receiving Hyflex technology at a future IPC meeting [after the item is presented to the Finance Committee].

Linda Allen asked how the web cameras are going to be assigned.

Micaela explained that the web cams will be received, inventoried, and can be checked out through the library. Twenty cameras have been assigned, and the balance are available for check out. If all the web cameras were checked-out, we will order more for staff. She also mentioned that in parallel, as we replace desktop computers, they will be replaced with laptops that have cameras.

Agenda Items for November 18

- Fund 1: Current Year and Multi Year Projections
- HEERF III Update

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 2 PM