

CITY RESOURCES COUNCIL

Minutes

March 6, 2024 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM Zoom

Members Present: Tillie Chavez, Liz Vargas, Lupita Lance, Andre Sanz, Alan Goodman, Roxann Solis, Susan Murray

Members Absent: John Parker, Marciano Perez, Lety Lopez, Alexander Gardella, Becky Wheelock, America Martinez, Xavier DeLaLuz,

Guest: John Gradilla

Meeting called to order at 1:07 pm by Roxann, John is attending a conference.

The council discussed the allocation of the budget for different departments within the college. The team emphasized the importance of prioritizing spending on essential items such as instructional and operating supplies, equipment, and student travel expenses. There were concerns about unrealistic requests and the risk of cutting classroom technology funding. They proposed a strategy to streamline the process of addressing departmental requests by inviting specific departments to explain their needs in more detail. The next meeting was scheduled for March 20th, with all members encouraged to ask any further questions in the meantime.

Concerns about requests were shared. There is some confusion about the vastly different requests, which ranged from \$50 to \$200,000. Roxann acknowledged a shift in mindset, noting that people were now asking for more due to the surplus of money. The discussed the need to prioritize spending of the approximately 1.1 million dollars in discretionary funds on essential items such as instructional supplies, operating supplies, equipment, and student travel expenses.

Streamlining Departmental Requests Process

The process of addressing departmental requests was discussed including inviting specific departments to explain needs in more detail. The goal is to avoid repetitive requests and to focus on essential needs. The team agreed on this approach, and they planned to send out invitations for specific departments based on the need for further clarification.

Budgeting and Advertising Requests

The challenge of funding certain items, such as service contracts and equipment, due to the program review requirements was discussed, including the increase in requests for advertising funds attributed to a push for enrollment management. Consideration of funding advertising requests was proposed while acknowledging the difficult financial situation they are in.

Departmental Funding Requests Discussed

The council discussed the requests for funds within departments, highlighting the volume of requests. Specific requests could be related to upgrading classrooms. The allocation and funding of various resources on campus were discussed. They discussed the charge of the committee and the preparation for the next meeting, suggesting reviewing and preparing questions for the presentations. The team agreed to submit their questions for the upcoming meeting by the 20th. The condensed spreadsheet will be shared with the committee after the meeting.

Adjourned 1:57 pm