**California State University, Long Beach**

**Program and Assessment Review Council**

**Minutes**

February 3, 2016

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m. / BH - 302**

**Please notify the Chair if you are unable to attend.**

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**Present:** E. Achola, N. Barnes, J. Brocato, K. Chun, K. Freesemann, M. Laws, B. LeMaster C. Lindsay, S. Platt, T. Travis, H.W. Tsai.

**Excused Absent:** J. Flemming, L. Gaitlin, L. Johnson, R. Rodriguez, S. Sayeh, J. Stallones.

**Guests:** Paul Larris, ES&P programDirector

* Call to Order 2:15
* Approval of Agenda
* Introductions
* Minutes for October 7, 2015 PARC Meeting approved.
* Announcements
* Reminder: PARC business is conducted electronically via BeachBoard. Please bring your electronic device or print material to the meeting. All PARC Members are enrolled in the PARC BeachBoard organization. Council members access the PARC BeachBoard via their student tab.
* Spring 2016 Meeting Dates: January 20 (No Meeting), February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, April 6 - No Meeting, April 20, May 4, and May 11 (hold date).
* Next PARC meeting is **February 17, 2015 in BH-302.**
* New Business:

1. Program Review Presentation: Environmental Science, Time Certain: 2:15 p.m.

Susan Platt presented the highlights of the UPRC report on the ES &P program and read the recommendations to the program, colleges and PARC. Dr. Larris thanked the UPRC and PARC for the review and acknowledged some of the challenges facing the program in terms of resources and planning. Dr. Larris emphasized the desire to maintain the program as interdisciplinary given the benefits of cross collaboration for students and faculty alongside the challenge of ‘dual appointments’ where faculty end up choosing one department over the other. Questions and discussion about space availability and scheduling for the ES&P program, as well as student advising as the ‘home’ of the ES&P program, and ongoing connections with the program alumni. Questions re: differences in the emphasis of the BA vs BA and the differences in graduation rates between the programs, and the existence of a student peer based and faculty-based ‘communities’. The motion to accept the recommendations to the program and colleges passed; the motion to accept the UPRC report and recommendations to the PARC passed.

1. Upcoming Program Review Assignments

VI. Unfinished Business:

1. GE Program review was conducted and the external review was received and is being reviewed by the UPRC. Africana program external review occurred and other program reviews and reports are in progress. A number of UPRC reports are under review by the PARC Exec and future meetings will be busy with program presentations. Feb 11-12 History program review (J. Brocato volunteered) is taking place Physics & Astronomy are scheduled for April 21 and 22 and UPRC volunteers are needed for both.

VIII. Adjournment at 3pm.