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PRESIDENT'S UNIVERSITY CABINET
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
President's Boardroom or Zoom
MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome/Updates (President Neufeldt)

- President Neufeldt welcomed new Cabinet members, including Dr. Kathryn MacFarland (Interim AVP for Enrollment Management Services), Dr. Alison Sheer-Cohen (Interim Academic Senate Chair), Dr. Carmen Nava (Associate Dean rep.), Dr. Ron Ramirez (Dean rep.), Domenica Pearl (staff rep.), and Octavio Martinez (ASI/student rep.). She also welcomed back Kris Kirschbaum, the returning lecturer rep.
- President Neufeldt reflected on the past year's accomplishments including raising a record 26 million dollars, bringing in over 20 million dollars in sponsored research for the second year in a row, and having 12 of 13 teams make it to postseason play.
- President Neufeldt shared that we have over 16,000 students for the fall and close to being able to announce record enrollment. She shared that while we have some more mountains to climb in student success, we are trending up in graduation.

II. Budget *(VP Leon Wyden & AVP Matias Farre)*

- President Neufeldt reiterated that the Cabinet is the primary consultative body for budget.
- She also shared that our budget conversations will be iterative, and that we just received our allocation memo from the system last week.
- Today's meeting will be to share the new information we have – the first group to see and discuss.
- VP Wyden and AVP Matias shared that CSUSM would take a 4 million dollar one-time reduction as its share of the 75 million dollar cut to the CSU. Also, we will need to plan for a potential 8% permanent reduction next fiscal year – 2024/2025.
- We did receive 12.5 million dollars from the Governor for the Compact, but it is not enough to cover the well-deserved raises.

- VP Wyden and AVP Matias reminded us that in Cabinet and with other shared governance groups across campus, we agreed to start this fiscal year with a 5 million set aside.
- President Neufeldt reiterated her budget priorities – unchanged from day one – people, including our students and their success, innovation, and the long-term sustainability of the university.

III. Closing *(President Neufeldt)*