

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 31, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Economic Development
Laurie McQuay-Peninger, Executive Director, Office of Grants & Sponsored Programs
Jeffry Kaatz, Executive Director, RCCD Foundation
Karina Gigliotti, Director, Grants
Mahi Sharma, Student

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Debra Mustain, Dean, Community Partnerships & Workforce Development
LaShe' Rodriguez, Director, Government Relations
Tara Osekowsky, Laboratory Technician
Meghan Chandler, Associate Professor, Art History

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Alice Musumba, Director, Grants
Renee Vigil, Executive Administrative Assistant

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The CEC meeting was called to order at 11:05am. The committee members introduced themselves and their roles.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2025 MINUTES

The charge was accepted with no objections or abstentions (5 ayes).

UPDATES

Member McQuay-Peninger shared uncertainty surrounding federal funding for the next four years due to ongoing legal challenges against executive orders. Laurie mentioned a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction that allowed continued access to funds. McQuay-Peninger also highlighted the ongoing case against Harvard and UNC regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Member McQuay-Peninger noted that the lack of clear definitions in the executive orders and potential self-censorship among institutions. McQuay-Peninger concluded that the situation is likely to remain chaotic for the next six months as the courts decide on the matter. Guest Alice Musumba joined the meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Goldware asked that member McQuay-Peninger to share an update from the Post Award committee through DBAC and member Kaatz to share about Naming Facility updates. Chapter 4 policies are moving through the DSPC committee. Faculty recommendations were discussed to for suggested representatives.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.