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Members Present: J. Kus (Chair), N. Bengiamin J. Constable,  
W. Fasse, A. Parham J. Parks, T. Wielicki,  
L. Stillmaker (student).

Members Absent: P. Trueblood.

Visitors: M. Botwin, W. Read, P. Smits, J. Waayers.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kus at 3:15 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 2/13/2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a. W. Fasse gave a brief update regarding the state budget crisis and its possible effects on our campus. He noted that the hiring freeze announced this morning by the governor does not apply to the CSU, although the Chancellor's Office may provide the campuses with information regarding how the CSU will respond to the spirit of the governor's freeze (reductions in travel and equipment purchases were mentioned as possible areas that will be immediately effected). J. Kus noted that J. Amaral had distributed (to the Senate listserv) a link to the Legislative Analyst's report on the budget crisis; committee members had not seen the alternate budget proposal and J. Kus indicated that he would forward the link to committee members.
  - b. W. Fasse noted that he had recently attended a meeting of parties interested in the establishment of a medical school at UC Merced. This will be a long term process, but it is being coordinated by several local political leaders and there is much interest in the proposal.
  - c. P. Smits briefed the committee on the campus response to a recent article in the Fresno Bee. He noted that, once again, the Bee had confused the issue related to matching funds in athletics. All matching gift donors have been contacted and, so far, only one company has asked for return of the matching gift monies. P. Smits noted that a press release has

been widely distributed, explaining the university's position on this matter.

4. New Business.

There was none.

5. Advancement - P. Smits.

P. Smits continued his briefing on Advancement operations with a lengthy discussion of the sources and uses of funds in the University Advancement area. There was a wide-ranging discussion of this area's budget, with particular focus on the amounts taken "off-the-top" from various gift categories. Another area of interest was the line of credit that has been used to fund the current campaign. It was noted that the percentage of donations used to operate this area (approximately 15 cents on the dollar) is well within the norm for other campuses in the system and across the country.

MSC to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Budget Committee will be Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center # 203. An agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2/20/2008.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.