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

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: M. Botwin, S. Brown-Welty

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kus at 3:19 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/14/2007.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

There was none.

4. New Business.

There was none.

5. Review of Doctorate in Education.

S. Brown-Welty met with the committee to review the budget for the new independent Doctorate in Education. She indicated that this year they have 22 students in the program (24 were admitted, but two have dropped out). The original budget of the program postulated a cohort of 24 each year. The budget also had to be adjusted based on increased costs for faculty/staff salaries and fringe benefits. The budget is currently balanced, but includes a greatly reduced amount for "library and information resources" as well as minor reductions in several other budget categories. It was noted that there was a significant amount allocated to "academic overhead" in the original proposed budget but that category was eliminated from the AY 2007-08 budget. S. Brown-Welty indicated that she expects that "academic overhead" will be in the budget in future years.

There was a very wide-ranging discussion of a number of aspects of the program. J. Parks requested a list of faculty teaching in the

program and S. Brown-Welty indicated that such information will be forthcoming. A variety of other questions were raised. It was noted that this program must be self-supporting and that students in the program are paying fees equivalent to those paid for similar programs in the University of California. Several issues were raised related to the number of students graduating with doctorates on our campus. When the number increases, we will have to pay significantly higher fees for library journal subscriptions, for example. P. Trueblood noted that students in the new Physical Therapy doctoral program will not be eligible for some financial aid programs and that the very high costs of the doctoral programs (from the student perspective) may discourage some students from participating. Other members of committee noted that the doctoral programs proposed and offered by the CSU are usually much less expensive than other such programs in other parts of the country.

MSC to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Budget Committee will be at the call of the Chair. An agenda will be submitted prior to the meeting.