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Members Present: J. Constable (Chair), J. Kus, P. Newell, A. Parham,  
J. Waayers. P. Diaz (student).

Members Absent: N. Bengiamin (excused), J. Parks (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:36 p.m. in TA #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/21/10.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

It was noted that a recent National Public Radio story reported that California was expecting ~\$7B in federal funds. However, only 50% of this amount was actually in committee being debated and only 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the \$7B had actually been received. The suggestion was that at a maximum California would only receive ~\$3.5B. It also noted that April tax receipts were “disappointing”.

J. Kus reported on the most recent FACEL meeting indicating that a report on new parking policy had been sent forward to the Executive Committee. At the vote, the number of administration members present exceeded faculty members present. The current policy was subsequently approved by the senate as an interim policy that expires 3 May 2011. Concern was also voiced regarding the parking financial data supplied by the administration to FACEL. Specifically, the supplied Table C indicated that ~\$6K of potential revenue was not collected due to the current relaxed parking policy; but questions were raised suggesting that this description was an over-simplification. E.g., (i) reporting lost revenues primarily due to fines is likely inaccurate as fines may be issued for several infractions several of which may not relate to relaxed parking *per se* (e.g., parking on a line, parking in a handicapped zone, parking back-in rather than nose-in); and (ii) the amount of fines collected is a poor measure of “revenue lost” as there are costs associated with writing the actual ticket (personnel). Other inconsistencies were noted including the implication that collected fines are available for parking lot maintenance, the understanding of the UBC is that fines are used to promote ride-share and bike programs among others and not parking lot maintenance.

4. New Business.

MSC for the UBC to more aggressively examine the finances of the parking office including all aspects of revenues and expenses during the 2010-2011 academic year.

5. Discussion of the response of the UBC to President Welty's announcement regarding the pending layoffs on April 23, 2010.

A wide ranging discussion ensued regarding the changes in communication between the administration and the UBC that have occurred over the last several years. Particular concern was voiced regarding the lack of effective consultation between the UBC and the administration. A draft memo to the Executive Committee was edited and will be further reviewed prior to distribution.

6. Discussion of the costs associated with performing student ratings of faculty classroom performance.

A brief discussion regarding the memo to M. Caldwell regarding the costs associated with performing student rating of faculty performance was discussed

MSC to send the memo as written with minor clarifications.

5. Operational overview of the budget model.

John Waayers presented an "interactive" overview of the current form of the budget model to members of the UBC in order to illustrate how a Dean could generate "what if" scenarios regarding changes in course C/S number and course enrollment.

In essence once rows are added (if changing enrollment) or C/S number is changed it is required to manually refresh each of the pivot tables on the FTES HL tab, the SFR LL tab, and the ML SFR tab. Once the pivot tables are refreshed the budget results of the changes are illustrated on the Relative Index tab. It was noted that because of the structure of the model and the interconnectedness among the colleges/schools that changes made in one college/school results in financial redistribution among all the colleges/schools. Therefore, alterations made by one college/school may be counteracted by changes in a second college/school.

MSC to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next University Budget Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in TA #117.

## Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 5/5/10.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business.
5. Election of the UBC Chair for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.
6. Discussion with Provost Covino Regarding the Draft Budget for 2010-2011.