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Members Present:: J. Constable (Chair), N. Bengiamin, J. Hironaka-Juteau,
J. Kus, P. Newell, A. Parham, J. Parks, J. Waayers.

Members Absent: J. Parks (excused), D. Carrejo (student).

Visitor(s): K. Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Constable at 3:31 p.m. in Thomas Administration #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to amend the Minutes of 10/28/2009 as follows:

Remove P. Newell from the "Members Present" roster.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Letter to Provost W. Covino was sent out regarding the budget allocation model.
 - b. Budget data from A. Parham regarding the M.S. in Animal Science was received.
 - c. The minutes for the last three Information and Educational Technology Coordinating Committee (IETCC) and Academic Information Technology (AIT) meetings were distributed to members of the University Budget Committee (UBC) via email. A brief discussion ensued regarding the need to obtain more information about how the re-organization of Information Technology Services (ITS) is occurring and the degree to which faculty consultation was achieved. It was suggested that ITS re-organization may have originated from either the Senior Technology Leadership Team (STLT) or the University Cabinet.
 - d. It was also noted that the California Faculty Association (CFA) mailed a letter to the faculty regarding the CSUF administrations response to the CFA's letter of September 11, 2009 requesting budgetary information. Broadly, the letter implied that the administration was not forthcoming regarding the CFA's budget questions.
4. New Business.

There was none.

5. Discussion of the Master of Arts in Spanish: Spanish Linguistics Option with Dr. K. Johnson from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.

Dr. K. Johnson was questioned about the enrollment and need to the proposed new option in Spanish Linguistics. Concern by the committee centered on data regarding the program enrollment and projected future growth. It became clear that Dr. Johnson had not received the UBC Budget Analysis Guidelines and therefore many of the key concerns of the UBC were not addressed in the proposal. The UBC provided the guidelines and brief discussion centered on the types of data that the UBC was interested in examining. Dr. Johnson will provide the requested information as an addendum to the existing document at which time the UBC will reconsider the proposal.

Chair J. Constable will check with Dr. K. Carey that the budget questions are being provided to proposers of new graduate programs.

6. Discussion of the Library Faculty Resolution.

The UBC examined the resolution to protect the materials budget of the library to ensure the continuity of the collections as a resource for future. Conceptually the UBC agreed with the general tenets of the resolution, but was uncertain regarding the budgetary implications of the resolution. Concerns also revolved around the current cuts to the library over both short-term and long-term time frames.

MSC to invite Dr. Peter McDonald (Dean of the Library) and Dr. R. Dundas, Chair of the Senate Library Subcommittee, to attend a future UBC meeting to explain the implications of budget cuts to the library.

7. Budget Review of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership.

MSC to table the discussion of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership until the next UBC meeting on November 18, 2009. (November 11, 2009 - Veterans Day is a University Holiday).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

The next University Budget Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in Thomas Administration #117.

Agenda.

1. Approval of minutes of 4 Nov. 2009
2. Approval of agenda for 18 November 2009
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
5. Discussion of the Library Faculty Resolution.
6. Budget Review of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership.