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March 30, 2011

Members Present: J. Constable, J. Kus, J. Parks, A. Parham

Members Absent: P. Newell (excused), E. Junn (excused)

Visitors: J. Waayers, Dr. P. Amaral

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:40 p.m. in TA room #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 3/23/11 with corrections.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

The Plan for Excellence IV was noted. The concept was universally approved, but the ability of the University to achieve the plan under the current budget scenario was unclear.

Suggestions for achieving budget savings as submitted to the electronic website established by C. Teniente-Matson were distributed. The suggestions were broadly grouped in to (i) savings in academic areas or services to students, (ii) infrastructure savings, (iii) athletic savings, (iv) advancement savings, (v) overall campus savings, (vi) suggestions for revenue generation, and (vii) suggestions to improve office efficiencies.

It was noted that the Governor and the legislature had ended budget talks as reported in the Fresno Bee. The detrimental impacts of a further funding reduction to the CSU system were briefly discussed. It was suggested for the Chair to draft a memo to the Provost indicating the UBCs willingness to assist in the process in any way possible. A brief discussion ensued on the mechanisms required for layoffs to occur (i) by program and (ii) by seniority (FERP, PT Lecturer, FT Lecturer, TT Faculty).

The end of Chair Constable's 3-year term on the UBC was discussed and signatures gathered for the upcoming senate election.

Travel by various members of the UBC results in the necessity to cancel meetings on April 6 and April 13. This is followed by no meeting over Spring Break (April 20), therefore the next UBC meeting will be April 27.

4. New Business.

None

5. Discussion of budget model modifications of the budget model.

The meeting concluded with a brief overview of John Waayers suggestions for modifications to the budget model which included:

Incorporation of fixed vs. variable costs of College operations.

Standardize the costs for the operation of the Dean's office in each college and remove these funds from the model.

Possible development of an equipment fund to permit purchase of high cost teaching equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 27 April 2011.

1. Approval of minutes of 30 March 2011.
2. Approval of agenda for 27 April 2011.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business
5. Discussion of budget model modifications.

All,

I pressed the Dean last week regarding the graduate stipends. His response was to go ahead and offer the stipends to all regular MS students.