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February 22, 2012

Members Present: J. Constable, P. Newell, J. Parks, A. Parham, D. Nef, R. Sanchez

Members Absent:

Visitors: President Welty, Provost Covino, Ms. C. Teniente-Matson, M. Caldwell, J. Kus

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:17 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2012.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda with the modification to move agenda item 5 to the item 3 position to make the most of Dr. Welty's time.
3. Discussion with President Welty on the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 budgets

President Welty discussed the upcoming budget challenges for the 2012-2013 and the 2013-2014 academic year. Given the uncertainty of the budget, the upcoming tax initiative and the allocations to the CSU system the funding for the University is far from clear. It was explained that conservatively, the University is expecting a \$10 M reduction in base funding levels. Absorbing a reduction of this amount will be difficult, but President Welty proposed to meet this shortfall for the 2012-2013 academic year through the use of reserves and carry-forward funds while preserving the budget of Academic Affairs at 2011-2012 academic year funding levels.

The use of one-time funds to meet the 2012-2013 budget will significantly reduce reserves, but it will give the University time to utilize the existing consultative mechanisms to make potentially more challenging budget decisions for the 2013-2014 academic year.

President Welty asked the Committee's opinion of the use of reserves for the 2012-2013 academic year and requested the Committee forward approaches to addressing the permanent reduction in state to his office.

MSC to write a memo to the President supporting the decision to use reserve funds for the next academic year to preserve funding to Academic Affairs and provide a time buffer to allow the University to address the greater challenge of the 2013-2014 academic year.

4. Communications and Announcements

Chair Constable is meeting with the Senate Executive Committee Feb. 27 to assist in providing a suitable faculty governance mechanism to address the recommendations of the budget task force and identify possible approaches for addressing future financial limitations from the state.

Chair Constable continues to communicate with Dr. O. Benavides to arrange a time when to discuss the operation of the Cal State On-Line program.

Dr. K. Moffitt cannot attend the UBC meeting next week, but will arrange to have individuals familiar with the structure and operation of the Online MBA program discuss its operational details at the UBC meeting on Feb. 29.

5. New Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Agenda for Wednesday 29 February 2012.

1. Approval of minutes of 22 February 2012
2. Approval of agenda for 29 February 2012
3. Communications and Announcements
Chair Constable will be making a budget presentation to the faculty Senate on March 5. The presentation will address the basics of the University budget and the budget model.
4. New Business
5. Discussion with representatives of the Craig School of Business regarding the proposed online MBA program.