

Fiscal Policies Committee
Discussion on Recommendations for Provost Neuman
11/19/09 9 am

Fiscal Policies Committee:	Nian-Sheng Huang	Priscilla Liang
	Jesse Elliott (not present)	Claudio Paiva (not present)
	Liz King (not present)	Kaia Tollefson
	Kristen LaBonte (not present)	
Also Attending:	Renny Christopher	
	Judi Le	
	Kris Muller	

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Nian-Sheng Huang noted his appreciation, which was echoed by all faculty present, for the hard work, procedural transparency, and considerable accomplishments achieved by administration in these very difficult budgetary times.

1. Preliminary Discussion of Recommendations to Provost Neuman

- Review of minutes from 11/05/09 meeting:
 - An extension of item d. (to increase international student recruitment, especially in the summer): We recommend focusing scholarship fundraising efforts specifically for Bangladeshi students, building on our connection with the Grameen Foundation (i.e., Muhammad Yunus and the current proposal before the Academic Senate regarding creation of CSUCI Social Business Institute).
 - Regarding item e. (to explore endowed chairs, as long as donors cannot drive the curriculum) and item f. (to fund visitor scholars/professors): We recommend the exploration of endowments for many purposes, not only for endowed chairs.
- The committee discussed the new GE proposal currently being explored as a Resolution under consideration by the Academic Senate (SR 08-02), in light of a peripherally related FPC recommendation of AY2008-2009 (i.e., Attention should be given the strengthening of currently existing programs... no implementation of new programs until the budget situation changes). The new GE proposal, should the Academic Senate authorize its continued exploration by the GE Task Force, is recognized as needing considerable start-up funding (e.g., federal stimulus monies). Members of the FPC present decided to table discussion of the new GE proposal until the will of the faculty is known (awaiting the outcome of Academic Senate debate on SR 08-02).
- The committee used its Preliminary Comments and Recommendations on the Budget (1/20/09) – annotated by Renny Christopher on 11/09/09 to indicate progress made on FPC recommendations of AY2008-09 – as a baseline for recognizing budgetary achievements and identifying ongoing goals to be recommended and prioritized by the committee. (See this annotated version of last year's recommendation for page number references below.)
 - page 1: Continued support for all recommendations noted on this page

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- “Priorities should also include activities and structures that preserve the essence of CSUCI. Among those discussed by the committee are faculty development and research fund, *the mission centers*, and the library” (emphasis added): FPC members present decided to table discussion of this recommendation until the next meeting, when more faculty members may be present to discuss the question of budgetary priorities and campus support for mission-based centers.
- “Attention should be given the strengthening of currently existing programs... no implementation of new programs until the budget situation changes”: Continued support for this recommendation.
- “Tenure-track faculty lines... should be preserved and filled as soon as any new budget would allow”: Continued support for this recommendation.
- “Programs should be able to roll-over and continue to use prior year’s funds...”: New practices have been implemented since AY2008-2009 which allow for prior-year income deferment of CERF and Indirect Funds. Regarding roll-over of general fund balances, however, this recommendation highlights an unresolved question as to where the power to access unspent monies should reside (i.e., program level or Provost’s office). FPC members present decided to table discussion of this recommendation until the next committee meeting.
- “The library has empty shelves but no general fund for books, which shows a need of a book budget”: While there continues to be no general fund allocation for books, the Provost did assign a portion of the campus lottery allocation for this purpose. Recommendation to rephrase this ongoing goal as follows: “The FPC recognizes the difficulty in creating a general fund allocation for books during the current budget crisis, and recommends continued support from a variety of funding sources for the library’s book budget.”
- “Budgeted expenses should be examined carefully to reduce waste... color-printed campus magazine *Current* is distributed on campus and mailed to faculty homes...: Recommendation to delete this item, as it has been accomplished.

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- “Wasting time, such as inefficient long meetings, is wasting money... a representative senate could replace the current full-faculty senate”: Recommendation to delete this item, in recognition of two things: (1) administrative restructuring of campus committees in Fall 2009 has reduced the number of faculty service hours spent in committee work; (2) the recommendation that administration should be involved in moving toward a representative senate is inappropriate; this is a matter for faculty to consider.
- This is as far as we got. If the full committee decides to continue with this strategy of identifying and prioritizing our AY2009-2010 recommendations using the AY2008-2009 document as a baseline, we will resume with the item on page 3 about “Joint faculty appointments...”

2. Deferred Discussion Items (noted as “tabled” above)

- New GE proposal
- Campus support for mission-based centers
- Programs’ ability to roll over prior year’s general funds