

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
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Apr 20, 2016

Present: A. Levi, J. Constable, R. Maldonado (Chair), D. Nef, J. Parks, J. Schmidtke

Excused: Bryan Berrett

Absent:

Guests:

Called to order 3:07 pm in Henry Madden Library Room 1222

1. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda for 20 Apr 2016.

2. Minutes

Minutes deferred

3. Communications and Announcements

- a. Chair Maldonado noted the presence of the Chancellor on campus
- b. Chair Maldonado reported no news on the final recommendations from Level A.

4. City and Regional Planning Program proposal

Discussion of the proposal. Concerns focused on the following areas:

- a. The committee was unconvinced about the need for the program elevation.
- b. There were questions about accreditation issues and costs associated with that. We understand that the department is not seeking accreditation, but accredited programs have more students which could have a cost benefit. Also, all of the B.S. programs in the CSU are accredited.

- c. Six new courses. No clear indication of what is not needing covering. What are the faculty currently teaching that they will not be teaching? The relationship to the courses in the pre-elevated Option is not clear.
- d. What are the numbers that are in the option currently? The data we were able to obtain re graduation was last year there were 18 grads in the department all of whom were in the current option, previous year had 20, 18 of which were in the Option. Information for this year was 29 total in the department, but we couldn't access the distribution by program. There was no information on the historical and current numbers in the option.
- e. Library resources costs have conflicting information and no sign-off from the dean. One place said no new resources needed and another said the library staff is committed to increasing resources for the programs. Either way, the dean needs to concur.
- f. What costs are anticipated for administering the internships and what evidence is there that sufficient internships are available in the region?
- g. In the light of the concerns about needs and uncertainty of cost, the committee wondered if some kind of certificate path was considered. This could also bolster numbers of students in the class as an avenue for people in an external major to augment their own program or vocational goals.

Dean Denbeste, Dr. Fu, and Dr. Ogunjemiyo will attend the next meeting of the committee to answer questions. Chair Maldonado will share the concerns above with the Dean.

Meeting adjourned 4:00pm

Next meeting date: Apr 27, 2016

Agenda 27 April 2016

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of 20 Apr 2016
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business
5. City and Regional Planning Program proposal
6. Budget of The College of Social Science
7. Chair Election 2016-2017