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April 24, 2013

Members Present: J. Constable, R. Sanchez, J. Parks, D. Nef, A. Levi, J. Schmidtke, R. Maldonado, P. Newell, D. Bukofzer, G. DeVoogd, J. Taviano

Members Absent: A. Parham (Excused)

Visitors:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:34 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes

MSC to approve the minutes of 20 March and 17 April.

2. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda as written with the modification to place discussion of the proposed MS option in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering first on the agenda.

3. Discussion of the proposed MS option in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering (WREE)

The MS option in WREE was initiated by the faculty to meet the increasing need in California and beyond for individuals trained in designing and developing sustainable water systems in the 21st Century. After discussion between the Committee and Drs. W. Wright, L. Liu and F. Pasha the following motions were passed:

MSC: The second reading of the proposal by the UBC was waived.

MSC: The University Budget Committee finds that there are no substantial negative budgetary implications related to the implementation of the proposed MS option in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering. The Committee requests that (i) the Dean of the Library be formally consulted to ensure there are no additional costs associated with providing appropriate library resources for the option; and (ii) the program be subject to University Budget Committee review during the third year of operation to assess its budget.

4. Communications and Announcements

Dr. Glenn DeVoogd (KSEHD) was introduced to other members of UBC.

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The Provost will join the UBC on 1 May 2013 to discuss the new budget model.

5. New Business

None

6. Continued discussion of the budget model and the budget for the 2013 – 2014 academic year.

Discussion centered around the \$3 M in funds identified during the activities of the Level A Review Committee – specifically were these funds “new” or were they “replacement”? The distinction between the two influences the determination of the University’s future “base” funding level from the State. Other budgetary concerns identified included the uncertainty about how new dollars from the State were going to be allocated in terms of a raise in staff compensation at 1% or 2%. Questions were also raised regarding the calculation mechanism of the 12% carry forward rates permitted by University Units in future years; is the value an aggregate determined from all University units? Or a value determined at the School/College level? There was also renewed interest in determining how allocations were determined at level “0” - how are allocation decisions of State dollars made to Centrally Monitored Funds and other pools prior to the Level A allocation?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Agenda for Wednesday 1 May 2013

1. Approval of minutes of 24 April 2013.
2. Approval of agenda for 1 May 2013.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business
 - a. A proposed MA option in Multilingual and Multicultural Education was received and will receive a first reading.
5. Discussion of the budget model with Provost Covino.