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Members Present: J. Constable, P. Newell, D. Nef, R. Sanchez, R. Maldonado; D. Bukofzer, J. Parks

Members Absent: A. Parham

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:35 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of 5 September 2012.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements

President Welty's response to the Chair of the Academic Senate questions regarding the Senate resolution on re-branding of the University was noted.

Provost Covino's response to the Chair of the Academic Senate questions regarding the Senate resolution on cohort hiring was noted.

The Executive Director of Cal-State Online (Ruth Claire Black) and Dr. Ashley Skylar (CSU Northridge) will be visiting CSU Fresno on Wednesday Sept 26 to host a session for faculty questions from 2-3 pm in the Haak Board Room on the fourth floor of the library.

The notes for the System Budget Advisory Committee meeting that convened on 29 August in the Chancellor's Office were briefly discussed, focusing on the potential responses by the CSU should Proposition 30 fail to pass.

4. New Business
None
5. Discussion of memo response to President Welty regarding the composition of the Level A Review Committee.

The draft memo received a several edits from the committee and will be sent out by Chair Constable.

6. Discussion of memo response to President Welty regarding the fund allocation to Deferred Maintenance, the Graduate Enrollment Augmentation, and Technology.

The allocation of funds to these three areas were discussed and noted that although all amounts were below desired levels that the allocations seemed reasonable.

MSC, Chair Constable will compose a memo to President Welty supporting the proposed allocation of \$500,000 to Deferred Maintenance; \$250,000 towards Technology; and \$350,000 to Graduate Enrollment Augmentation.

MSC to invite Bob Boyd to the UBC for a discussion of the deferred maintenance problem and to request a list of deferred maintenance projects with estimated costs.

7. Discussion of the current status of the University Level B Budget model

The budget model being developed by Dennis Nef and the UBC was discussed; it includes both actual classroom costs (as determined by the actual classes taught and their CS number) and faculty workload (as determined by the Faculty Activity Detail (FAD) reports). The determination of total costs should be influenced by data originating from both of these sources; however, the two data sets do not agree. Based on faculty union rules faculty workload cannot exceed 24 WTU per academic year; this is in agreement with the FADS report, but according to the data recording the actual courses taught there are faculty earning in excess of 30 WTU per year. The mis-match may be linked to course classification discrepancies (e.g., supervision classes; internships) and/or cross-listed classes. Other causes may also contribute to the difference between the FAD report and actual courses taught at the University, but there must be agreement between these two data sets. Effective reconciliation of this discrepancy is going to be a key element in future model development.

Discussions also addressed how to include both “carrots” and “sticks” to encourage wise fiscal decisions by the Deans and a variety of other components in the model that will require deliberations regarding how they are incorporated, including the following items:

- Establishing enrollment targets each year
- FTES considerations including graduate, undergraduate, post-baccalaureate students, as well as accounting for variances (e.g., transfer students, major changes, double majors, etc.)
- Success of student retention and graduation, along with international student recruitment.
- Teaching requirements including equipment, supplies, and the inclusion of service learning.

- Supervision requirements coupled with research and creative activity costs including start-up costs.
- Pass-through funds.
- Assessment of administrative costs including the number of instructional faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Agenda for Wednesday 19 September 2012

1. Approval of minutes of 12 September 2012
2. Approval of agenda for 19 September 2012
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
5. Update on non-reimbursed assigned time
6. Update on the budget model