

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
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March 26, 2014

Present: J. Constable, P. Newell, D. Nef, R. Sanchez, J. Schmidke, R. Maldonado, A. Levi

Excused: G. DeVoogd

Absent: A. Quinteros

Guests: None

Called to order 3:30 pm Thomas Administration Room 117

1. Minutes

Minutes for 12 March 2014 will be presented on April 9  
Minutes for 19 March 2014 will be presented on April 9

2. Agenda

MSC the approval of the agenda of 26 March 2014.

3. Communications and Announcements

There will be no UBC meeting on 2 April 2014

Dr. Teniente-Matson has responded to the memo inviting her to attend a UBC meeting to discuss the initial decision making process in the budget. She will attend on 23 April 2014

4. New Business

5. General Discussion of the Budget Model.

Discussions addressed several issues related to the budget model including:

- It was noted that the UBC has served as an essential step in the approval of new academic programs by assessing their potential costs to the University. Although growth and modification of academic programs is an essential step in providing relevant and up-to-date degree offerings for students, little efforts is spent in identifying programs that are no longer relevant or fail to meet student needs.

Apparently, this point has been identified by the University trustees with implication towards both (i) system re-organization and (ii) an evaluation of duplicate academic programs among sister campuses.

MSC to compose a memo to the Senate stating that due to possible consolidation of programs at the system level and to maximize the relevance of CSU Fresno programs to our region that it discusses issues of program discontinuation (APM 214). Clear identification of the criteria that might be used in the determination of whether a program should be discontinued will assist the University in better serving our students, meeting regional and marketplace priorities, and stewarding the wise use of University resources.

- D. Nef provided some preliminary information on the budget for the 2014-2015 academic year. There are several competing issues that need to be addressed these include
  - A tentative increase in student number (estimated at ~400)
  - The desire by President Castro to increase salaries.
- A brief discussion on the commonalities of how Schools and Colleges across the University view the new budget model and its impact on their budgets. Key questions asked by Schools and Colleges included (i) why are there consistent carry-forward dollars at higher administrative levels rather than allowing these funds to reach the Colleges?; (ii) the model should have a more explicit mechanism for funding technicians; and (iii) the current funding for lab costs is too low, especially for upper division lab courses and the definition of a “lab” and its relative the “activity” should be improved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Agenda for 9 April meeting

1. Approval of minutes of 12 March and 19 March 2014.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business