

# University Budget Committee (UBC)

Meeting Notes  
March 13, 2009

Meeting called to order by Carol Terry at 2:07 p.m.

Chair: Carol Terry

Members in attendance: John Powell, Colleen Mullery, Martin Flashman, Lynne Sandstrom, Robin Bailie, Randi Darnall-Burke, Sophia Pereira

Topics of discussion: Current budget update, review current year budget process and discuss changes for next year

## Budget Update

- 2009/10 budget proposal includes \$831k reduction.
- The current budget proposal is now the best case scenario.
- The current reduction amount is predicated on stimulus funds being received by the State of California.
- If the stimulus funds are not received, the reduction amount could grow substantially.
- California did not receive stimulus funding that would benefit the CSU in the first round of the stimulus funds distribution; California will re-apply for funding.
- The UBC is finished with their review of the 2009/10 budget proposal, but the budget may still evolve as the process moves forward at the state level.

## Review of Current Year Budget Process

Carol Terry asked committee members to think back over the current year budget process and decide if there was anything they would like to see different next year: changes to timeline, different information provided, clarification on items that were hard to understand, changes to committee charge, etc.

Committee member suggestions:

- Soften language and/or more specifically define “divisional plans to reduce services” so that committee members can fulfill the committee charge to “make recommendations regarding proposed budget allocations/de-allocations, including divisional plans to reduce services when budget reductions are required”.
- Follow up report regarding how reductions are implemented to better understand impacts.
  - How prior year reduction was taken (similar to report on new initiatives)
  - How current year budget reduction is being implemented

- Reduction and initiative reports should be provided to the UBC earlier in the year. This year the initiative reports were presented in January.
- Need historical data in order to monitor and understand reduction impacts and effects on enrollment.
- Request more specific information, such as reduction plans by division and new initiative plans, be included as part of budget proposal.
- Would like to see HSU working on a plan to develop non-traditional revenue streams.
- Committee still needs to determine a methodology for evaluating budget proposals, which is part of what the committee is charged with. Easy to evaluate initiatives, hard to evaluate reductions.
- Improve UBC relationship with campus. An information meeting with campus after UBC responds to budget proposal was suggested.

As an example of other potential funding strategies, Carol Terry mentioned an alternative funding strategy proposed by UBC member John Powell (posted on website). John Powell talked about his proposal and a lengthy discussion took place regarding summer session funding and enrollment over the past several years and the potential allocation of revenue directly to Academic Affairs. The idea of providing a budget incentive to Academic Affairs for increased summer enrollments was discussed. Summer session enrollment dropped 50% last year and is supposed to increase by 50% this summer, which will bring summer session enrollment to 75% of the 2006-07 summer enrollment level.

The President and Vice Presidents will attend the next UBC meeting to discuss final budget decisions. The meeting will take place in the Corbett Conference Room on Friday, March 27, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Blakeslee