

Budget Meeting with President Richmond

Meeting Notes

June 25, 2009

Topics of discussion: President Richmond scheduled a meeting to discuss the current budget situation and UBC members were invited to attend, along with the leadership from the Academic Senate, the Associated Students and the Staff Council.

President Richmond and Provost Snyder hosted the budget meeting. The meeting was held to engage in an open discussion regarding the current budget situation and to get feedback and suggestions regarding possibly ways to confront it.

Meeting Handouts (available on UBC website)

The California State University Employee Update – June 23, 2009

2008-09 Original Budget – Reduction Scenarios

California State University Spending and Performance, 2006

University of California Spending and Performance, 2006

Budget Update

- Current estimated CSU budget reduction for 2009-10 is \$584M
- \$717.5M in one time reductions to CSU in 2008-09 may be cut or may be covered by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding
- Currently, CSU has received 268.5M in ARRA funding out of the \$640M expected
- Two employee unions have voted to negotiate furloughs – California State University Employees Union (CSUEU) and Academic Professionals of California (APC)
- The California Faculty Association (CFA) has not yet voted
- There is a special Board of Trustees meeting on July 7, 2009 and a regular Board of Trustees meeting on July 21, 2009. The July 7 meeting will focus on information and potential options and the July 21 meeting will possibly include voting on the options discussed at the July 7 meeting
- State of California will run out of money at the end of June and will have to issue IOUs if no budget is passed
- CSU employees will not receive IOUs. CSU has enough funds to pay salaries through the end of the year

Enrollment Update

Chancellor Reed wants to cut 9.5% of students by 2010-2011. President Richmond asked the Chancellor to not do across-the-board cuts. President Richmond is advocating for smaller cuts to student enrollments for HSU. In an effort to decrease enrollments, HSU's summer session is moving to Extended Education.

Budget Reduction Suggestions

President Richmond and Provost Snyder asked attendees to brainstorm suggestions of ways budget reductions could be taken. They encouraged ideas, even if the suggestions had not yet been analyzed to determine if there would be cost savings achieved. Some of the suggestions included:

- An analysis of fixed/variable costs at HSU would be helpful to determine where to take reductions
- Look at curriculum and requirements to graduate and see if there are programs that have extra classes that could be removed
- Evaluate secondary classes that are not required to graduate
- Evaluate costly programs that only serve a few students even if they are high quality programs
- Review minors
- Generate more revenue from outside sources
- Break down walls to make bigger classrooms
- Evaluate the over 60 program
- Evaluate student remediation to see if there is a more cost effective way to make it work
- Alternative delivery, such as labs using computer simulations

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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