

University Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes

February 12, 2010

In attendance: Bob Snyder, Brandon Chapin, Mary Kay, John Powell, Lynne Sandstrom, Carol Terry, Lee Lindsey, Burt Nordstrom, Rollin Richmond, Steve Butler, Rob Gunsalus, Randi Darnall Burke, Robin Bailie, Gina Pierce, Colleen Mullery

Agenda: President and VPs brief on annual operating budget plan, and Working meeting to make recommendations regarding the budget plan.

Meeting Handouts (available on UBC website)

- Budget Proposal for UBC
- 2010-11 Base Budget – Reduction Proposal
- 2010/11 Budget Proposal for Humboldt State University

Budget Proposal for UBC

President Richmond reviewed the budget plan. He emphasized the uncertainty of the California budget and the budget plan being reviewed today could change. The UBC was asked to return its recommendation memo by March 19, 2010 or sooner, if possible.

Carol Terry reviewed the handouts and walked the group through the figures. The plan is to use accumulated one-time funds to fund the new initiatives and avoid making the campus take additional base budget reductions. This allows time for the campus to continue to make the cuts necessary to implement the budget reductions taken in 2009-10. Provost Snyder noted that Academic Affairs is using \$2 million in one-time funding while the division continues implementing its 2009-10 base reduction next year. The handout shows “Backfill for Academic Affairs Multi-year Reduction Plan” at \$575,000 because the \$1.425 million difference is being allocated from the Chancellor’s Office.

A question was raised: Why isn’t the 2010-11 deficit larger? The 2010-11 planning document assumes that all of the 2009-10 base budget reductions have already been implemented.

Discussion continued on the possibility of extending employee furloughs through next year. All of the employee unions, except the CFA, have expressed to the Chancellor their support for extending the employee furloughs. Apparently, the CFA has not indicated its position, either way, to the Chancellor yet. President Richmond noted that if furloughs continue, he has recommended to the Chancellor’s Office that campuses be given greater flexibility to implement furlough plans that reduce disruption to students and to campus operations. For example, it has been suggested that perhaps shortening the academic term might be less disruptive to students than this year’s plan of scattered furlough days throughout the year.

The discussion moved to the CSU impaction process. Impaction might be declared by individual campuses or the entire CSU. (In November 2008, CSU Trustees for the first time declared a systemwide impaction for the following fall term.) Impaction allow for limits on enrollments, but qualified students from the campus's local region who meet application deadlines usually must be accepted, among other criteria.

It was noted that a couple of bills affecting higher education, particularly two bills related to student enrollment fee rate caps, are currently moving through the Legislature.

UBC Recommendations Working Meeting

The Committee will continue its working meeting to make recommendations regarding the budget plan at the next meeting.

The next UBC meeting will take place on Friday, February 26, with an extended time from 2 -4 pm in the Corbett Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Lindsey