Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation

Approved Minutes for 3/15/13

Present: Gilberto Arriaza, Kris Erway (Presidential Appointee), Ching-Lih Jan, Pat Jennings, Gary McBride, Carol Reese (Presidential Appointee), Meiling Wu (Chair), Helen Zong

Guests:

1. Approval of Agenda
   Moved: Pat; Helen
   Passed

2. Approval of 3/1/13 minutes
   Pat did not send minutes to Meiling, so we will defer vote until next week

3. Report of the Chair

   Meiling noted that Waren Hall project starts today. Verified that we will invite Brian to our first spring meeting. Some faculty have asked for more time to generate questions for Brad Wells visit. We agreed as a committee to send an e-mail today indicating that we will take more questions, and we will notify that a few additional questions may arrive prior to his visit. We will send the questions that are already generated to Brad Wells. Meiling asked Carol to draft a message to the Provost asking for a report on assigned time. Carol will draft a procedure for accessing assigned time that will be approved by COBRA and sent to the Provost.

4. Report of the Presidential Appointees

   Kris talked with him on progress on the budget. A letter came to the president indicating that there is a 1.3% enrollment growth. Some money will flow to fund that enrollment. Part of the budget proposal will ask for compensation pool would include funds for equity. Details are consistent with the items we discussed at the last COBRA meeting. The Web site includes a summary statement. A VP and Provost will meet on Wednesday.

   Carol announced that her resignation has been accepted and her position announcement is out. For the first time this year she has posted the budget for all departments. Robert Phelps has been appointed the Director of Concord.

5. Report of the Subcommittees
Q2S Subcommittee: Committees business has been completed. Senate notified at the 3/12 meeting that the report is now available as an information item.

Self Support Committee:
No report, Jim not present

6. Old Business:
   a. A Visit from Brad Wells (time certain 9:30 a.m.)

We completed question 5 (reconciliation student fees) at the last meeting.

5.B When the budget changes because of change in circumstances how is that change reflected to faculty?

Seems to be a communication problem since the response was already posted on COBRA’s Web site. The FS showing two columns one showing the budget if Prop 30 did not pass and if it did pass was posted.

5.C Refers to the fact that the trigger cut did not occur.

This question/comment is only partly true. A 3.7M cut did occur. The remaining part of the cut 2.5M did not occur.

5.D At some point in the near future will the campus charge students an extra fee for online classes to compensate faculty who teach them? There is a move to encourage more online, and online takes more time (according to the questioner—not all our committee members agree).

No fee for online is being considered at this time. Reimbursement for large classes varies by college (some large courses in business are counted as 2 courses; Class offers a stipend for a TA or equipment).

5.E Are fees for online separated out from all fees?

The only separation is between self and state support. Historically, there has been no philosophical underpinning on fee structure. But, since the share of the state contribution has changed, now there is an attempt to acknowledge the implication that higher fees have for access but, at the same time, a need to try to provide enough support for the same level of access that has been provided in the past. This is difficult to reconcile. But, at this point online courses have not been separated out. CSU has no view beyond 4 years because the Governor has made an implicit commitment that if we do certain things he will increase the budget by 5% through 14/15 and 4% through 16/17, but he expects in return that tuition costs will be kept flat.
Cost of planning for distinction?

Refer to frequently asked questions #39 on the COBRA Web site. CSUEB estimated 48K for a consultant, but final cost is estimated to be about 23K. The book was purchased for all committee member; the cost was $3,300.00 for 60-65 copies. The largest cost is for assigned time and/or stipends. Faculty received 8WTUs or a $10,000 in stipends or a mix of both. Thirty one faculty member received assigned time or a stipend.

Final Note:
Brad and Kris are working on a budget reporting format that would be made accessible to all faculty. Bard will bring an example to COBRA to review; we will provide feedback on accessibility (is the information understandable to all faculty).

We will invite Brad back early next quarter to discuss budget and budget format.

7. New Business:
   a. Questions for 4/5/13 visit from AVP Brian Cook

      We generated a list of 3 questions with several parts. The committee reviewed the question and agreed that they do not need revision. We will send an e-mail to solicit more time.

   b. Provost Houpis’ response to Assigned Time

      COBRA will draft a request asking for a report on assigned time from the Provost. Meiling will then send the final draft of the request to the Provost.

   c. Discuss spread sheet from Provost

      Provost spread sheet is not yet official, so we cannot discuss until it is made official.

8. Adjournment

    Adjourned at 11 a.m.