COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Friday, January 9, 2015

TO: Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation, Members
FROM: Nancy Mangold, COBRA Chair
SUBJECT: COBRA Meeting, Wednesday, January 14, 2015; 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm in LI 2250

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Election of a Winter Quarter Secretary
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the 11/12/14 minutes
4. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair
   b. Report of the Presidential appointee
5. Old Business:
   a. 14-15 COBRA 1: COBRA’s Executive Summary for CSUEB 2013-14 Revenue and Expense Summary by Fund Group
   b. Classroom Upgrade Master Plan and Faculty Focus Group
      i. Review faculty volunteers and survey questions
      ii. Select faculty representatives for the Focus Group
6. New Business:
   a. Faculty computer refresh cycle
      i. Currently ITS has an informal policy of 5 years, with 4 years for computers having issues.
      ii. Need:
          1. The current policy is “informal”
          2. The current policy is “budget” driven, not need driven
          3. The current student computer lab refresh policy is 4 years
          4. Computers older than 3 years are problem prune, and cannot properly run new programs needed for teaching and research. This not only cost faculty a lot of time, but also cost IT’S A lot of support time in fixing the problems (and often time is spent but the problem is not solved)
      iii. Solution: i) have an official policy and reduce the cycle for faculty computer refresh to 3 years (start to be eligible), and ii) allocate adequate funding for this need to ITS
b. Faculty Lounge/Club (for research and instruction exchange and collaboration)
   i. Issue: No official university gathering place for faculty for both informal and semi-formal gatherings (seminars, group meetings, social and “water cooler”/“coffee break” information exchange, etc.). The meeting tables at Faculty Development Center is a great start, but it is far from adequate.
   ii. Solution: Create a “faculty lounge” or “faculty club”, with a gathering and meeting place, with a minimal kitchen facility for coffee and tea, in a central place close to Faculty Development Center and other faculty support facilities
   iii. Need: A sizable room with some facilities

7. Adjournment