CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION
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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Oct. 23, 2009

Present: Judith Faust, Michael Hedrick, Fund-Shine Pan, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Eric Suess, Chair

Absent: Jeannette Bicais, Gary Li, Janet Logan

[Since the website did not list the presidential appointees, 5 was deemed a quorum at this point, so we proceeded with the meeting.]

1. Approval of the agenda

2. Report of the Chair
   Chair Suess reported on the outcome of the faculty Academic Reorganization Task Force (on which he served as chair of COBRA). Ideas gathered from faculty in a series of town hall meetings re: academic reorganization will be presented in a report to Ex Comm. A preliminary report was shared with the committee, and included the Difficulty/Impact grid which showed the top 75% of the suggestions made by the faculty at these meetings. Also included were some serious concerns about different aspects of the task force’s charge. Chair Suess asked members of the committee to look at the preliminary report and email Task Force chair Dianne Rush-Woods with any thoughts (copying COBRA chair Suess). One suggestion was that branding of services, schools, etc., can be temporary – a member said that at a previous university, the business school sold the naming rights for 5 years only.

3. Review of the policies and procedures for committee operation.
   Chair Suess informed those present that the committee consists of 9 TT members (two from each college, one from the Library), and 2 presidential appointees. He said that COBRA was created under a previous administration from which it was very difficult to get comprehensible budgetary information. Some of COBRA’s functions are: gathering budgetary information from units, assisting in faculty participation in budget decisions, participating in the Provost’s UPABC (University Planning, Assessment and Budget Committee), and producing an annual report and recommendations to the President at the end of each year.

4. Review last year’s end of the year report.
   The chair then went over last year’s report to the President with particular focus on the five recommendations at the end. It was noted that the demise of COGNOS should be an opportunity to make the next “openly available” budget database more transparent, in line with recommendation #2: “Internal University communication of budget plans, priorities,
and changes [should] be enhanced.” The chair said he would send the report to all members.

5. Adjournment