

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

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TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation (COBRA)

SUBJECT: Principles for Faculty Participation in University Budget Decisions

PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION
REQUESTED: Approval of the following Principles of Faculty Participation in University Budget Decisions:

In the spirit of shared governance and budget transparency, broad faculty participation in the budgeting process at CSUEB is of the utmost importance. Therefore, faculty involvement will be encouraged and facilitated in the planning and development of budgetary priorities within their departments and programs, colleges and library, and the university as a whole. Budgeting will be a collaborative process, informed by planning and assessment, benchmarks for success, and transparency and accountability at all levels.

BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:

According to COBRA's *Policies and Procedures for Committee Operation*, the Committee's charges include the following:

- *A1. To recommend to the Academic Senate budgetary processes, priorities and policies that help the University to achieve its long-term academic goals in the light of changing conditions; and*
- *A5. To make recommendations concerning principles and procedures (including procedures for faculty consultation) governing the development, improvement, and use of the academic facilities of the University and the allocation of all categories of funds and staff directly related to the instructional program; and*

CSUEB currently has no documented principles of faculty participation in University budgetary decision-making. COBRA views a statement of principles as important to continue its efforts to institutionalize faculty participation in budgetary decision-making and to develop and maintain a culture of transparency and accountability in university budgeting.

Therefore, in accordance with mandates A1 and A5, COBRA developed and, at its meeting of March 9th, 2007, unanimously approved the Principles presented above.