CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND RESOURCES ALLOCATION

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2008

Members Present: Jeanette Bicaic, Kris Erway, Judith Faust, Armando Gonzales, Janet Logan, Nancy Mangold, Saeid Motavalli, Sue Opp, Ke Zou

Members Absent: Isaac Catt, Steve Ugbah

Guests: Bill Dinehart

1. Approval of Agenda M/S/P
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting M/S/P
3. Report of the Chair
   Invitations to present to COBRA sent to both Chris Brown of the Foundation and David Cain of Facilities. Chris Brown has accepted and will meet with COBRA on Feb. 20. Chair reported that she has not yet heard back from David Cain. Opp said she will also invite Debby deAngelis of Athletics.
   Cabinet meetings are confidential, but in essence, we are being funded up to the instructional target FTE – not for increases beyond that. So Cabinet is looking at what we absolutely have to do. At the Cabinet meetings, when a division was being discussed, all members except division head were asked to say what was important for that division. Only after they had all spoken was the division head allowed to speak. One clear, major goal was to find ways to do things more efficiently.
5. New Business
   The following statement was proposed as a motion: “COBRA encourages the use of electronic resources and communications in departments, colleges, committees, and teaching activities to reduce costs & streamline communications.” M/S/P
   Chair Opp went over the Budget Principles and Ideas given out at UPABC, reiterating it was going to be a year-long process, that these were not finished decisions. Mention was made that regarding increasing enrollment, there is some sense in allowing growth in areas that are not high cost. There was also a reminder that non-resident FTE pay their own way; i.e., we keep the fees of non-residents, and are not dependent on the state for funding for them. It was pointed out once more that a diverse population, while desirable in many ways, puts other pressures on the University, not limited to recruiting costs (English training, remedial writing classes for foreign students, at least). Along those lines, it was mentioned that Sally Murphy is heading a task force on better meeting the needs of foreign students, since a lot of them are seen in GE.
   A wide-ranging discussion ensued sparked by the Budget Principles and Ideas document.
   - years of cuts suffered by Student Affairs, with little being built back up in better years. UAC reportedly has waits of 2½ - 4 months for students to see advisers.
   - Drastic reductions to RSCA funds for grants
- Raising minimum class sizes
- We now have more students, but not enough services to support even the student body of recent years
- Wouldn’t faculty using PeopleSoft be able to pull up degree audits?
- “Refresh cycles” will likely move from 3-4 years
- New parking policy
- Gross inequities of assigned time
- Possible consolidation back to the Hayward Campus?

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Faust
Secretary