CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY
Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation (COBRA)

Approved Minutes of the November 4, 2005 Meeting

Members Present: Armando Gonzales, Saeid Motavalli, Sue Opp, Karina Garbesi, Nancy Mangold, Jim Forsher, Sam Basu, Kris Erway, Jose Lopez, Bonnie Ho

Guests: Don Sawyer, Norma Rees, Bill Dinehart, Jim Kelly, John Charles, Bob Brauer

Provost Kelly: 46 Tenure Track searches in 05-06
31 Tenure Track searches in 04-05
New ads have been published in the SF Chronicle newspaper.

Lopez: $3000.00 for advertising positions is not sufficient

Ho: She believes the hiring is very competitive

Provost: Concerned about space to locate faculty. The University is capacity for 17,000. So there should be space for faculty. Provost requests the Deans make sure they have space for new hires. He would like the faculty to suggest a solution.

Lopez: Believes there should be a University wide study to look at space.

President: She could not fund space analysis consultant this year.

Basu: COB has removed the space allocation from departmental level to college level

Brauer: The faculty that are hired should be diverse.

Opp: We should use caution in bringing in new hires to make sure we have adequate support we can offer them when they come here.

Lopez: He always asks candidates to request start up money.

John Charles: Update of budget – did not have funding for spam guard. Staff has been doing the spam guard. He has had 30% budget cut over the past two years. One hundred Thousand from last year budget has been allocated to server upgrades, $47,000 extra fund has been allocated to Deans for wireless labs. New voice mail system is operating. The Blackboard system has had problems 6 times this year because of processor limitation. He is going to ask for $60,000 of the server money to be used to purchase additional processor.

Frosher: mentioned that Blackboard system is valuable during outbreaks of flu or other disasters to continue classes.
President: Technology fund was not approved by students. Chancellor does not want mandatory fees imposed on students. All the presidents would like a technology fee, but Chancellor is against it at this time.

Lopez: COBRA should look at the balance of tenure track hirings with resources for other things.

President: Trustees – we feel your pain, but nothing we can do. Trustees upset with ‘compact’ we won’t get more money with fewer students.

Sawyer: What is the worst scenario for tech facilities?

Charles: We have 60 servers with 40 beyond their expected life. He does not know what would happen next.

Opp: How are other sister campuses doing?

Charles: Other campuses are suffering. Some have large gifts from outside.

President: SLO successfully imposed mandatory fees.

Garbesi: What has happened to DegreeWorks?

Charles: Starting in 2007 there will be new advising system, Peoplesoft. Until all current students graduate DegreeWorks is used. Probably 2009-2010.

Lopez: What are the fiscal implications of moving to PeopleSoft Student Project?

Charles: SLO has already rolled out PS Student Services. The vendor is not going to support the current system for long. Our costs on mainframe will go up because SLO is out of it.

3. Report from the President

4. Report of the Chair: Garbesi sent invitation to all VP’s. Redmond will come to the meeting December 2. She sent the faculty survey report to all Deans. CAPR report was delivered to Julie Norton.

5. Ongoing Work

Lopez moved to approve Budget information report, Ho second to approve. Approved unanimously.

Erway: would like to follow San Bernadino campus model.

Lopez: Is there a move to make College reporting unified?
Erway: We might work with one of the Colleges to implement a model

Garbesi: Would like to have a report from CRUMBS by December 1.

6. COBRA Goals

Garbesi: Provost has asked if it is possible to look at a fiscal implication of moving to semester instead of quarter system.

President: Chancellor was interested 3 years ago about moving to semester. Bill Langun did a report about 3 years ago. President thinks that in the future the University should move to semester.

Mangold: Semester system students graduate earlier in the year so they get jobs first.

Garbesi: She would like to look at previous reports.

President: The major opposition was from faculty not wanting to teach 4 classes a semester.

Lopez: The committee would like to study this matter.

Opp: She doesn’t think this is a good use of our time.

Basu: is willing to look at previous reports.

Next Meeting: November 18 BAC and COBRA meeting

Submitted by,
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