CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY  
COMMITEE ON BUDGET AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION  

Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2006 (Approved)  

Members Present: Dana Edwards, Kris Erway, Karina Garbesi (Chair), Jose Lopez, Saeid Motavalli, Nancy Mangold, Sue Opp, James Petrillo, Melany Spielman  

Members Absent: Armando Gonzales, Steve Ugbah  

Visitors: Monique Cornelius, Bill Dinehart, Fred Dorer, Mark Karplus, Alden Reimonenq, Hank Reichman, Mo Qayoumi, Don Sawyer  

1. The Agenda was approved with changes. A discussion of the Academic Affairs budget by Fred Dorer was placed first. M/S (Speilman/Opp)  

2. Provost’s Report on $3.05 M cut in instructional budget  

Dorer distributed the 2006-07 Academic Affairs budget and gave an overview in light of the one time $3.05 million cut this year. Gonzales can provide more detail as necessary. Fortunately the Deans have large banked funds from last year which help alleviate cuts this year. These amounts vary from $.5 to 2 million per college. Taken together they total over $4 million. Cuts were allocated to the Colleges based on enrollment patterns.  

Dorer is requiring the Colleges to use a common budget reporting system. He has asked the Deans to report budget information in a common format. At a later date more specific Department information will be included. He would like to have all this information available in database format to allow for easier interpretation and access.  

The Deans have been investigating offering more CSUEB classes at community colleges. There is great potential for increasing enrollment. Both CSUEB and community college students can enroll in these courses. The majority will be upper division GE courses, mostly taught by lecturers or in online format. Reichman stated that CSUEB has been doing this type of thing in the PACE Program for several years. The Deans are currently exploring these potential course offerings with Departmental faculty. Sawyer indicated that Qayoumi has been visiting community colleges and is working hard in increasing course offerings and transfer enrollments to CSUEB. Transportation ease of access to the CSUEB campus is a perceived problem in increasing enrollment numbers.  

Qayoumi announced that the campus now has the final numbers for student headcount. The campus is now 2.9% below target. If the campus falls within
2% or less below target there will be no penalty in the form of a budget cut. CSUEB needs an additional 0.9% increase (113 FTEs) to fall within the no-penalty range. Based on the current enrollment numbers, the campus will have to pay back an additional $562 thousand if enrollment is not increased in the Winter and Spring Quarters. If CSUEB can increase enrollment above the target the campus will qualify for additional funding.

With the passing of Ballot Proposition 1D, CSUEB will receive approximately $47 million in capital investment funds in February. Barbara Haber will provide details on these funds and the projects they will go to.

3. President’s Report

Qayoumi was pleased to announce that the Chancellor’s Office has awarded an amount of $600 thousand for classroom renovations. This is new one-time funding and is in addition to the $2.8 million augmentation previously received. COBRA members and visitors heartily applauded this announcement. Haber will work with Sawyer to plan these renovations and upgrades.

Qayoumi was also pleased to announce that CSUEB has recently cleared over 20 workers’ compensation cases and there are now less that 100 current cases active. This will reduce the risk premium payment of the campus for next year.

Qayoumi then discussed the breakdown of expenditures from the $2.8 million augmentation. $1.9 million will be spent on buildings and grounds. This work includes renovating walkways and driveways, replacing signage, re-striping parking lots, etc. Details will be provided to COBRA at a future date. $419 thousand will go to University Advancement. Among other things this will provide funding for 2 positions for two years which will focus in part on major gifts. $502 thousand will go to provide smart classrooms and upgrade computer servers, especially the Blackboard server.

4. Approval of the Minutes of 11-3-06

The Minutes were approved as corrected. M/S Portillo/Motavalli

5. Chair’s Report

Garbesi stated that she is hopeful and excited about the improving prospects for CSUEB. Much credit is due Qayoumi for advancing the welfare of the University. She will be presenting the COBRA interim progress report to the Academic Senate on Tuesday November 21.

Reichman has not received any formal response to the Senate’s letter that requested clarification on President Rees’ post-retirement position and salary. The California Faculty Association has filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of
several of the post-retirement salaries awarded CSU executives this past year.

6. Establish COBRA goals and priorities for 06/07

Garbesi referred to the list of potential tasks for COBRA that had been distributed and which was based on the discussion at the November 3 meeting. She indicated that she had added the additional item of Foundation accounts and grants to the list. Opp suggested inviting the new Executive Director of the Foundation to a future meeting. Lopez questioned whether COBRA should include this issue as a COBRA task, since the Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors. Garbesi indicated that she is concerned about the Foundation’s management of grants. There has been difficulty in getting specific information and some faculty members have foregone grants due to frustration. Lopez and Opp felt that this should not be a high priority task. Discussion continued on other items on the list. Opp was especially interested in a report from ICS, in light of the fact that ICS is receiving new one-time funds. COBRA members concurred and Garbesi will invite John Charles to speak to COBRA soon. Discussion about the task list will continue in future.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Edwards, Secretary