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

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2007

Members Present: Dana Edwards, Kris Erway, Karina Garbesi (Chair), Armando Gonzales, Jose Lopez, Saied Motavalli, Melany Spielman, James Petrillo, Sue Opp

Members Absent: Nancy Mangold, Steve Ugbah

New Members (07/08) Present: Mayling Chu, Janet Logan, Eric Suess

Visitors: Shaun Bibb, Bill Dynes, Mark Karplus, Myoung-ja Lee Kwon, Tom McCoy, Mo Qayoumi, Hank Reichman

1. Approval of the Agenda

Garbesi moved all agenda items until after the Report of the President.

2. Report of the President: Three Year Plan to Eliminate the Structural Deficit

President Qayoumi distributed copies of “Closing the Gap: A 3 Year Strategic Budget Plan.” This is a plan intended to close the University’s structural deficit. There is, at the present time, a structural deficit of $4M, which is the difference between ongoing revenues and ongoing expenses. The plan lays out a scenario of consistent growth in enrollment and increased cost efficiencies in risk management and energy expenses. This plan will be presented to the Academic Senate on Tuesday May 22. Qayoumi stressed that it is a general plan that seeks to achieve financial stability based on enrollment growth and the Governor’s CSU Compact funding. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the plan as conditions warrant.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as changed (see Item 1).

4. Approval of the Minutes of 5-4-07.

The minutes were approved with corrections noted by Edwards.

5. Chair’s Report

Garbesi encouraged COBRA members to attend the upcoming UPABC meeting on May 25. A copy of the CFA’s communiqué on the May budget revise has been forwarded to COBRA members. The newly-elected COBRA members will
be placed on the Chair’s mailing list.

6. New Business

Garbesi began discussion of finalizing COBRA’s business for the year. Should COBRA formally endorse the President’s Three Year Plan? Garbesi distributed the final version of the COBRA Chair’s report to the Academic Senate, which will be forwarded to EXCOM.

Lopez made a motion that COBRA recommend to the President that he put in effect COBRA’s Principles for Faculty Participation in University Budget Decisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Garbesi suggested scheduling a short COBRA meeting on June 1 in order to determine the manner and form of endorsement of the President’s Three Year Plan. This meeting will be scheduled for 9-10 am so that members can attend the President’s inauguration.

7. 07/08 Organizational Meeting

The newly-elected COBRA members were introduced. Garbesi was nominated and elected as COBRA Chair for 07/08. Opp was nominated and elected as Secretary for 07/08.