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

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2008

Members Present: Judith Faust, Karina Garbesi, Susan Opp, Eric Suess, Kris Erway, Jose Lopez, Chris Lubwama, Armando Gonzales, Margaret Rustick

Members Absent: Steve Ugbah, Janet Logan

Guests: Shawn Bibb, Bill Dinehart, Ke Zou, Jeanette Bicais

1. Approval of Agenda M/S/A

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 2008 M/S/A

3. Organizational Meeting – Officers elected for next year are: COBRA Chair Susan Opp, COBRA Secretary Judith Faust.

4. Report of the Chair – The COBRA item on faculty input regarding year-end allocations is going to Excom and the Senate. When this item is approved, the Senate Office advice is to place this document on the Senate web page where other policies reside.

5. and 6. Report of President’s Representative Shawn Bibb (CFO, VP Administration and Finance).

The Governor’s May Revise of the state budget has provided good news in that some of the money proposed to be cut from higher education has been restored. Nevertheless, the Chancellor believes that the cut to the CSU budget will likely return to the originally proposed 10% so campuses should plan accordingly. Faculty raises due on June 30, 2008 will go through because they are part of the 2007-8 budget, but the raises planned for July 1, 2008 are at risk because they are technically part of the 2008-9 budget year. The CSU Board of Trustees approved a 10% student fee increase for Fall 2008. In terms of how the budget situation will affect East Bay, Bibb reported that we missed our enrollment target this year by about 50 FTES, but that we expect a large frosh class next year and are getting students redirected from SJSU. Our budget plan continues to be one of growing our way out of our structural deficit. Our other growth mechanism is to increase the number of non-resident students, which will not impact reaching our resident (domestic student) enrollment target, but will help to close our structural deficit because of the non-resident fees they pay. In general, what was a 3 year plan to close the structural deficit has now become a 4-5 year plan. We are planning for a $2.4M budget cut for next year; an increase of 150 domestic (resident) students plus an additional 150 international students are expected to net $1.5M toward filling this gap. The rest of the gap is planned to be made up from returns from the Foundation and DCIE, as well as from energy and risk savings. Nevertheless, next year’s budget looks bleak. Bibb also discussed the Mission, Values, Goals and Measures of the Division of Administration and Finance, with a primary focus on goals and measures and what actions have been taken or plan to be taken to meet those goals.

7. New Business: Organize for End of Year Report. Discussion about what to include in the report included the principles for faculty participation in college/library budget decisions (as part of the larger participation in university budget decisions), as well as ongoing concerns regarding funding for Student Affairs to support the increases in students and their needs, and budgetary implications of changes in student demographics.

8. Next meeting COBRA: June 6 (UPABC meets May 23)

9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Opp, Secretary