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

Approved Minutes of the Meeting of June 6, 2008

Members Present: Judith Faust, Karina Garbesi, Susan Opp, Eric Suess, Janet Logan, Jose Lopez
Members Absent: Steve Ugbah, Kris Erway, Chris Lubwama, Armando Gonzales, Margaret Rustick
Guests: Bill Dinehart

1. Approval of Agenda M/S/A

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of April 18, 2008 and May 16, 2008 M/S/A as amended.

3. Report of the Chair – 2007-08 COBRA 1 concerning policy for faculty participation in allocation of year end funds was sent back by Excom. This policy will not be pursued at the current time because no year-end funds are expected to be available for 3-4 years anyway. This will give us time to clarify the need for and wording of the policy. There was some question of how to best put forth principles of faculty participation in college and library budget decisions, but upon closer inspection of 2006-07 COBRA 1 (Revised) Principles of Faculty Participation in University Budget Decisions, it was clear that the colleges and library were included, so development of further principles is not necessary. Susan Correia suggested that 2006-07 COBRA 1 be placed on the Senate webpage, not just the COBRA webpage.

Motion (M/S/P): COBRA recommends that the Academic Senate, at the beginning of each academic year, disseminate the 2006-07 COBRA 1 (Revised) Principles of Faculty Participation in University Budget Decisions, to the heads of the following units: Divisions, Colleges, Library, Academic Departments.


5. Continuing Business:
   o End of Year Report (Garbesi): Discussion ensued about the COBRA report that will go to Senate next year, including addition of a section regarding future work planned for COBRA and additions to the section on Issues of Concern. Of particular concern is that the ratio of faculty to students continues to decline despite adding new faculty each year. Ongoing concerns about future funding of TT positions needs to be included, including both recruitment and retention of new faculty. Members also felt it important that a statement regarding concern about inconsistent attendance of COBRA members should be added. The section on future work should include: getting a report from the Foundation (Chris Brown); effects of changing demographics of students on the university and its support for students; examination of adequate funding for new faculty; and how to communicate policies and procedures. It was agreed that Garbesi will add to the year-end report: “The Committee affirms the continued importance of COBRA in enabling the University to achieve its long-term academic goals in the light of changing conditions.”
   o Policies and Procedures for Committee Operation document (Lopez): The following is to be added to section #1 at the end of the Preamble: “The goal of COBRA is to enable and ensure active faculty participation in fiscal planning and budget involvement.” Garbesi will work with Susan Correia to fix numbering, formatting, etc. This needs to go to Senate next fall. M/S/P to approve changes to Policies and Procedures.

   M/S/P to thank Karina Garbesi for 3 years of outstanding service as Chair of COBRA.

6. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Opp, Secretary