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Members Present: J. Kus (Chair), J. Constable, A. Parham,  
J. Parks, P. Trueblood, T. Wielicki.

Members Absent: J. Crossfield, K. Shipley.

Visitors: P. Amaral, S. Davis, W. Read, J. Waayers.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Us at 3:20 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 3/7/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a. J. Kus noted that there will be no University Budget Committee meeting on 3/28/07.
  - b. J. Kus reported on emails that he had exchanged with M. Wilson regarding clarification of the proposal for a renamed school psychology program (see item 3b of the minutes of 3/7/07). M. Wilson confirmed that this is nothing more than a change of name and, therefore, the University Budget Committee will not need to consider the proposal.
  - c. P. Amaral brought to the attention of the committee several issues related to the contract proposal that was presented to CFA by the CSU administration. He pointed out that according to information on the CSU website, the offer on the table includes a total of 21.87% for salary increases between 2006/07 and 2209/10, plus the possibility of an additional one percent each year in the second, third, and fourth years of the contract. The additional one percent in future years would fund merit increases. Different versions of the offer have been put on the table during the negotiations; some portion of total might be used to fund Salary Step Increases (SSIs) for those who are eligible to receive such increases (mainly junior faculty and lecturers) -- in which case, the total general salary increases for faculty not eligible

for SSIs would therefore be less than 21.87% over the life of the contract, but the increase for those receiving SSIs would be obviously more than 21.87%. P. Amaral also noted that the CSU system has presented information to the governor and legislature related to the salary lag that the faculty faces and has proposed a plan to address the issue over a five year period.

4. New Business.

There was none.

5. Revisions to Budget Book.

The committee continued its discussion of proposed revisions to the Budget Book. S. Davis and J. Waayers provided information related to previous iterations of the book; S. Davis noted several areas that could be improved to enhance the utility of the information contained in the Budget Book. During the discussion, it was noted that our campus probably has the most transparent budget process and most accessible information, compared to other campuses in the CSU system. Committee members suggested several additional changes, particularly related to the presentation of salary data.

6. Level C Budget Allocation Process.

The committee considered several rough draft statements that might be included within a report to the Provost on this matter. Emphasis of the discussion focused on such issues as having an open and transparent process within the colleges/schools. Considerable discussion focused on "best practices."

MSC to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Budget Committee will be Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 3:15 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/14/2007.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications & Announcements.
4. New Business.
5. Level C Budget Allocation Process.