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Members Present: J. Constable, J. Kus, J. Parks, E. Junn

Members Absent: P. Newell (excused)

Visitors: J. Waayers, Dr. P. Amaral

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:40 p.m. in TA room #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 3/16/11 with corrections:

E. Junn was absent.

A. Parham was present.

2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.

3. Communications and Announcements.

No response from Parking. Chair Constable will send a memo to A. Armstrong and provide a "respond by" date. The memo will be copied to C. Teniente-Matson and President Welty.

It was noted that the memo from Dr. Caldwell regarding the formation of the Budget Task force is not a senate level committee, but a broader based group including both Dean's and Department Chairs. Dr. Junn noted that a component of the committee's function is to identify mechanisms through which expenses in Academic Affairs can be trimmed by approximately \$1.5 M.

Dr. Amaral expressed concern regarding the new cohort hire in Philosophy regarding the mechanisms through which participation in the cohort would be assessed. The candidate informed the search committee that there would be language in the Probationary Plan addressing cohort involvement and possibly strictures in the language of the hiring offer.

It was noted that Dr. Quillian (Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer of the California State University) stated that if the current taxes were not retained then "we are in deep guacamole".

4. New Business.

None

5. Discussion of budget model modifications of the budget model.

Continued discussion of the modifications to the budget model started with a lead-in from discussion last week regarding the manipulation of course mode & level by a College/School to change their funding level. Dr. P. Amaral provided a historical perspective on mechanisms to adjust School/College funding levels. The two principle mechanisms were:

Delta factor. This was a calculation mechanism used within the model to fund rapidly growing Schools/Colleges that were growing a rate faster than the model could fund due to its slow response to changes in College/School FTES.

Instructional Program Enhancement Fund (IPEF). This was a fund set aside by the Provost at ~1% of level B to provide short term funding for special projects that were intended to achieve self-support within a few years.

Also discussed was the potential problem of funding on-line courses. Obviously such courses take extensive effort to develop and thus the existing mode & level may be appropriate. However, once completely operational, the starting mode & level may no longer be appropriate.

MSC: It was proposed that the UBC address this matter with the anticipated increase in on-line courses over the next several years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 30 March 2011

1. Approval of minutes of 23 March 2011
2. Approval of agenda for 30 March 2011
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
5. Discussion of budget model modifications