

# UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

December 17, 2010

**\*Final Minutes\***

## **Members present:**

Sudip Chattopadhyay  
Maxine Chernoff  
Robert Corrigan  
Harvey (Skip) Davis  
Nancy Hayes  
Andrew Ichimura  
Betty Lam  
Leroy Morishita  
Robert Nava  
Sue Rosser  
Penny Saffold  
Jerald Shapiro  
Genie Stowers  
Shawn Whalen

## **Members absent:**

Cynthia Ashton

### **1. Call to Order**

A quorum was reached and President Corrigan called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes from the September 3, 2010 UBC Meeting**

President Corrigan asked the committee if there were any changes to be made to the September 3, 2010 UBC meeting minutes. No changes were requested, and the minutes were approved.

### **3. Announcements**

President Corrigan asked those who had signed up for the Comment Period to please take the floor.

### **4. Comment Period**

Dr. Ramon Castellblanch and Mr. Russell Kilday-Hicks had signed up to speak.

Dr. Castellblanch, representing the faculty union, mentioned that their Ad Hoc committee met last week and voted in an executive board. The board is requesting more transparency in University and Auxiliary Organizations (University Corporation, SFSU Foundation, etc.) finances, and budgets. President Corrigan reminded everyone present that the University Budget Book is public information and a hard copy is always available in the library for reference. Additionally, Dr. Castellblanch stated that he'd like a meeting with key representatives of the university Administration to further address and discuss their concerns. They promised to provide a list of their questions and concerns in advance of such meeting.

Russell Kilday-Hicks, on behalf of the staff union, cautioned the UBC against contracting out work that is usually done by lower paid laborers, as has been done on some other campuses. He stated that it would go against our campus values and would be a short-sided solution to ongoing budgetary problems. President Corrigan assured the committee that such actions have not taken place at SFSU nor is there any intention of doing so in the future.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes from the September 17, 2010 UBC Meeting**

The September 17, 2010 UBC meeting minutes were approved, no changes were requested.

### **6. Announcements**

No further announcements were made.

### **7. Enrollment and Budget Update**

Dr. Morishita provided the Enrollment and Budget update. He began by distributing the following handouts for the committee's reference.

- 1) Coded Memo 2010-04, Attachments A-H, October 22, 2010, to CSU Chief Fiscal Officers, from Robert Turnage and Rodney Rideau.
- 2) 2011/2012 The California State University Support Budget
- 3) Tuition Increase 2011-12 AY, Robert Turnage, AVC for Budget, November 9, 2010, Board of Trustees
- 4) The Budget Package, 2011-11 California Spending Plan
- 5) The 2011-12 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook, LAO, November 2010

Dr. Morishita stated that our budget was balanced at the beginning of the current year with a reduced enrollment target and one-time carry forward funds. The carry forward is on a one-time basis, so does not address next year. He stated that we are in reasonably good shape for spring 2011. We do not expect layoffs for faculty and staff so long as a give-back by the Chancellor's Office is not implemented and our budget for next year is not decreased. This could all change if the new administration implements a mid-year budget cut and depending upon next year's budget. The state deficit is projected to be approximately \$25B. State Treasurer Bill Lockyer had suggested cutting all campus budgets by 25%. The Governor's budget to be presented in January is expected to be grim.

Dr. Morishita stated that the budget passed on October 8<sup>th</sup> and that system wide CSU FTEs will be about 331,000 this year, as compared to this year's original target of 310,000. Our goal is to come in at our share of the 331,000 FTEs number, approximately 22,550 FTES, compared to the original target of 20,879 FTES.

Additionally this spring we will be adding 300 more course sections so students can get the classes they need. To lower our enrollment this year we moved from a state supported summer term to a self supported summer term. Dr. Rosser, Provost, mentioned that the decision to go state or self support next summer will be a system wide decision made by the Chancellor, not campus by campus.

Dr. Morishita had just returned from a state budget summit where the Governor loosely laid out his budget plan. The Governor warned everyone at the summit that given the state's very bleak fiscal picture that his budget would be grim for Higher Education as well as other constituencies. Not knowing exactly what the Governor's budget will look like makes it extremely difficult to plan accordingly. The Governor explained that he is working on a transparent, long-term fix, not short-term temporary fixes as in the past, and will include significant programmatic cuts as well as tax increases.

The "trailing summer term" idea was mentioned as one way to assist campuses with budget planning. The Department of Finance and the LAO feel that summer sessions in general are underutilized and would like to see summer sessions

comprise up to 40% of fall term FTEs. It is unlikely this is possible without becoming a trimester campus. Moving to a trailing summer term, if approved, is problematic because they end so late, especially for quarter system campuses.

President Corrigan mentioned that each and every unit on campus, in and out of academic affairs, is looking internally for ways to meet budgetary reductions. Our priority is to protect the curriculum as much as possible. The problem is that economies on our campus equate to people's jobs and not doing without supplies or equipment. He reminded those present that campus committees such as UBC, UPAC, and Academic Senate are all valuable forums for sharing communication and ideas where everyone's participation and input is needed, encouraged and appreciated.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

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