

University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC)
Meeting Notes
July 16, 2009, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Sierra Room, Sacramento Hall

Members Present: Fred Baldini, Paul Edwards, Scott Farrand, Laureen O'Hanlon, Steve Perez (Chair), Shawn Smith, James Sobredo

Members Absent: Robert (Bob) Buckley, Lillie Jones, Ming-Tung (Mike) Lee, Jimmy Tsang

Others Present: President Alexander Gonzalez, Joe Sheley, John Kepley, Stacy Hayano (BPA), Debra Deakin (BPA), Norman Kwong (BPA)

Open Forum: The President started discussions by reiterating his commitment towards providing timely but accurate budget information. Though regular communications with the campus community (including these weekly updates to UBAC), the president hopes to keep rumors at a minimum, thereby reducing tensions created by the budget crisis.

A twenty percent increase to student fees is considered likely, which would increase the State University Fee (per student) from \$3,354 to \$4,026 per year. The CSU Board of Trustees (BOT) will vote on this proposal next Tuesday. This represents an additional student fee increase, on top of the ten percent fee increase already approved last May. According to Title 5, the CSU can charge students one-third the actual cost of their education. If the twenty percent increase is implemented, student fees will be very close to this one-third limit.

An update was given in regards to enrollment. For 2009-10, it is too late to achieve significant enrollment reductions for the Fall 2009 semester; therefore the CSU has closed Spring 2010 admissions. While this generic approach helps to reduce enrollment for many overenrolled campuses, this could be considered somewhat disadvantageous to campuses (such as ours), which put significant efforts into enrollment planning and which are meeting enrollment targets precisely. In addition, we are already committed towards accepting certain groups for Spring (such as nursing students); therefore the President may request an exception for our campus.

Preliminary discussions have been held in regards to 2010-11 enrollment. The size of a campus will be considered, when making enrollment reductions. Small campuses may receive a lower percentage enrollment reduction (or perhaps an exception), while large campuses will receive a slightly higher percentage to compensate. For these purposes, Sacramento State will be considered a large campus. Moving summer session from state support to continuing education (i.e. self-support), is being widely considered as one of the options for decreasing enrollment. However, the financial viability of this option is still being examined.

Furlough implementation will be discussed at next Tuesday's BOT meeting. BOT will vote on whether to amend Title 5 to allow the chancellor to implement furloughs for non-represented, management and executive employees. By then, we will know whether CSUEU has ratified their furlough proposal. Also, we will know the outcome of Unit 3's (i.e. faculty's) preliminary vote on furloughs. If implemented, furloughs will be administered on a campus by campus basis.

UBAC asked the President for commentary on University Enterprises, Inc. (UEI) and the status of their various projects (e.g. the CALSTRS building, Del Norte, etc). The President mentioned that UEI was considering a restructure of its organization, and hopes to provide more details during next week's meeting with UBAC.

Next Meeting:

To be scheduled, next Thursday (7/23/09) is tentatively targeted.