University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC)
Meeting Notes
April 16, 2014, 8:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Solano Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Fred Baldini (Chair), Paul Edwards, Marya Endriga, Scott Farrand, Stacy Hayano, Deidre Sessoms, Greg Siino, Kristina Vieira, LindaKay Soriano, Christine Miller

Members Absent: Kayla Wheeler

Others Present: Lori Varlotta, Senior Vice President for Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Terry Wanless, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Angel Thayer (BPA)

Open Forum: The committee briefly discussed Academic Affairs’ presentation from last week. They reviewed some of the items mentioned; staffing issues, compensation packages and structural deficits.

Agenda Items: Senior Vice President (VP) Lori Varlotta and Director of Athletics, Terry Wanless promptly joined the committee at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the budget call submission for the division of Athletics. Senior VP Varlotta started with an overview of the Athletics division. She noted that long ago, Sac State was a Division II campus. President Gerth changed it to a Division I campus in 1993. After the conversion, an influx of financial resources was needed for the shift from Division II to Division I. In 2009, President Gonzalez recognized that there was a structural deficit in Athletics, so he approved a fee increase from $62.5 to $125 a semester, over a three year period. Instead of growing Athletics as planned, the fee increase was mitigated by all the recent budget cuts. Currently, the division of Athletics has ongoing revenue that doesn’t support ongoing expenditures. They continue to have a structural deficit, now at $1.7M. They have used one-time funds (other revenues) to fill the structural gap, but there is a concern that some of the one-time funds can become unpredictable. She then focused on athletics’ one-time funding requests with the committee. After answering various questions posed by committee members, they both departed at approximately 9:50 a.m.

The committee took a few minutes to discuss Athletics’ presentation, and then Senior VP Varlotta joined the committee again at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the budget call submission for the division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (PEMSA).

She began her presentation by noting that PEMSA has recently been reorganized; they absorbed Student Academic Success and Educations Equity Programs (SASEEP), Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD), Peer and Academic Resource Center (PARC) and several other departments from the division of Academic Affairs. Their main focus has been on Enrollment Management; the majority of the augmentation received in 2013/14 was used to fund this area. They have kept Enrollment Management at full staff, which means they were forced to make cuts in other areas. Student Engagement and Success is one of the program centers that have suffered from budget cuts; their departments are very lean. They’re on the low end of staffing and this issue needs to be addressed in 2014/15. It seems SSWD has taken the most cuts during the
recession, despite Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance issues. If PEMSA receives an augmentation to their baseline in 2014/15, the bulk of the funds will be applied to SSWD. She noted that PEMSA has continued to successfully work on the graduation initiative without any extra funding; although, additional funds for student success are necessary. She then focused on the areas within PEMSA that need further funding to improve student success and graduation rates. Their main effort has been on Academic Advising and they continue to work on ways to improve in that area. She went on to discuss PEMSA’s one-time funding requests with the committee. After answering various questions posed by the UBAC members, she departed at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Committee members briefly discussed the Student Affairs presentation and then the meeting concluded at approximately 11:00 am.

**Future Meetings (tentative schedule):** All meetings are held in Solano Hall, Room 5000 unless otherwise noted.

- Friday, (4/18/14), 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, (4/23/14), 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, (4/25/14), 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.