

University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC)
Meeting Notes
December 9, 2008, 9:00 –11:00 am
Sacramento Hall Annex, Conference Room

Members Present: Fred Baldini, Robert (Bob) Buckley, Scott Farrand, Lillie Jones, Laureen O'Hanlon, Steve Perez (Chair), Shawn Smith, James Sobredo

Members Absent: Paul Edwards, Ming-Tung (Mike) Lee

Support Staff: Stacy Hayano, Debra Deakin

Open Forum: The newest student representative, Shawn Smith, attended this meeting and introductions were made. The committee then proceeded to a discussion on the latest information available on the state's current economic situation, including the scenarios to be requested from the divisions for the 2009/10 budget call and those to be considered by the committee for overall fiscal planning. The members also discussed strategies for maintaining enrollment to match target, as well as the impact of media representations and public perceptions.

Agenda Discussion: With regard to the question of whether the Energy Efficiency Bond payoff could be accelerated, Stacy Hayano advised the committee that the bond covenants would not permit this action; however, the prepayment of lease obligations may be allowable, and Stacy will investigate this and report back to the committee at a future meeting with details on options.

The committee reviewed some budget reduction scenario worksheets representing various possible outcomes of the current year economic picture and the 2009/10 fiscal year. The members generally agreed to the difficulty of imposing any further midyear reductions to funding already provided for FY2008/09, as well as the difficulty of working up scenarios in circumstances in which so many important variables remained unknown: whether there might be, when there might be, and how much reduction the CSU system and the Sac State campus might be asked to respond to this fiscal year and next.

Members discussed a possible review of previous recommendations for the use of central carry forward funds: specifically, the committee members felt that a classroom utilization study should be conducted and that findings might affect 2008/09 budget recommendations. The committee discussed a return to prioritization efforts, possibly to include another joint meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee within the next few weeks and/or prior to the division meetings to be scheduled in Spring 2009. The committee also discussed a number of approaches should a midyear reduction be necessary, either in response to system reductions or to help to mitigate the impact of future reductions, and the potential impact on carry forward funds.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 9-11 a.m. at the Sacramento Hall Annex, Conference Room, with Stephen Garcia and other guests to attend, and Friday, December 19, 9-11 a.m., if agenda items are submitted, at the Sacramento Hall Annex Conference Room. Beginning January 9, 2009 and throughout the spring semester, meetings are tentatively scheduled to be Fridays from 11-12:30 p.m. in the same location.