

**University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**February 3, 2023, 9:00 – 11:00 AM**  
**Mariposa 5000 & Zoom Video Conference**

**Members Present:** Sheree Meyer (Chair), Jennifer Harris, Tatiana Azad, Ajay Singh, David Lang, and Michael McKeough

**Members Not Present:** Simran Thandi, Andrew Hertzoff, Christopher Pacheco Carlos, Nikki Khamsouksay, and Angel Thayer-Smith

**Others Present:** President Robert S. Nelsen, Sarah Billingsley (President's Office), Kristen Tudor (President's Office), Diana Lynch (Budget Planning & Administration), and Lauren Garrett (Budget Planning & Administration)

**Agenda Items:** Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed the committee and President. The purpose of this meeting was to hear from the President regarding his goals and updates on the budget. For fiscal year 2022-23, there was limited unallocated baseline, but the campus was able to approve several new positions. We were also able to allocate approximately \$10 million in one-time funds. The amount of one-time funding available each year varies depending on whether the campus needs to save for an academic building. For example, in order to receive funding from the Chancellor's Office for a new engineering building, the campus has to contribute at least 10% of the costs. For 2023-24, the President would like to hold off on awarding one-time in case it is needed to balance our budget. Potentially, we could give around \$3 million, but will need to wait and reassess after the May Revise.

The President's priorities for 2023-24 are funding raises for employees and focusing on critical student services such as basic needs, mental health, and the food pantry. In the Governor's January proposal, the CSU received a 5% baseline increase which translates to an additional \$227.3 million. However, since our budget is only partly funded by state allocation, the increase is not enough to cover our mandatory cost increases. We are also uncertain as to the total compensation costs for next year due to ongoing negotiations. Additionally, minimum wage raises place pressure on our operating budgets.

Given the current California economic outlook and our rising mandatory costs, it is unlikely Sacramento State will be fully funded with new state allocation for 2023-24. As tuition has remained frozen, state resources must be stretched further to offset the impacts of inflation. The President would like the University Budget Advisory Committee to consider two scenarios for divisions to complete; a 5% divisional baseline reduction totaling nearly \$10 million, and an 8% divisional baseline reduction of approximately \$16 million. He also explained there is tuition uncertainty as enrollment is trending downward across the nation,

however, he is optimistic these budget cuts would not extend multiple years. Future allocations from the Chancellor's Office may be tied to enrollment at campuses.

The President gave time for comment and questions. While assessing divisions' requests and reduction scenarios, he would like UBAC to keep the university imperatives in mind. We should not recommend cutting classes and sections since this would unravel the progress towards the Graduation Initiative. The President, his Chief of Staff (Sarah Billingsley), and his Deputy Chief of Staff (Kristen Tudor) left around 9:42 am.

AVP Harris suggested waiting to present on the campus budget due to several members being absent. The committee discussed meeting again soon to review the Budget Call forms and the Sources and Uses document. The next meetings are set for Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm and Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.