**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

**UNIVERSITY RESOURCES COUNCIL (URC)**

**Meeting #7**

**December 7, 2010**

**BROTMAN HALL 302**

**1:00PM – 3:00PM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 with the following people present:

Officers: Praveen Soni, Chair; Paul Ratanasiripong, Vice-Chair; Sharon R. Guthrie, Secretary

Members: Terie Bostic, Doug Butler, Lou Caron, Tim Caron, Ali Chu, David Dowell, Craig Fleming, Dee Dee Green, Doug Harris, Marianne Hata, Charleen Rice, Jean Houck, Ann Johnson, Ted Kadowaki, Pat Kearney, Sophie Lee, Brian Livingston, Mike Losquadro, Aubry Mintz, Carol Perruso-Brown, Tariq Shehab, Maria Williams-Slaughter, Mary Stephens, Jalal Torabzadeh, Henry Wu, Rosario Yeung-Lindquist

Excused: Paul Buonora

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of the Nov 16, 2010 meeting were approved as amended with Sharon R. Guthrie’s absence as excused and the date of the meeting corrected.
3. Announcements
   1. Higher education was not mentioned in the Governor’s Special Session meeting, which according to Ted Kadowaki is a good sign, that is, higher education is not in the Governor’s proposal for cuts.
4. Unfinished Business
   1. Report of the subcommittee on the impact of budget cuts to the Colleges—Carol Brown, Pat Kearney, and Anna Sandoval
      1. Carol Brown distributed the Executive Summary of their investigation of faculty perceptions regarding impact of budget cuts and made a PowerPoint presentation to URC members.
         1. The three subcommittee members and other URC members met with over 100 faculty members from all Colleges and the Library, and all Faculty Councils other than the Liberal Arts Faculty Council. Anecdotal data on the impact of budget cuts were collected in informal focus groups.
         2. The following themes emerged: shadow overload, stolen time, drowning departments, and aging equipment (see Report and PowerPoint presentation).
            1. Shadow overload consequences

More teaching and larger class sizes

Fewer graduate and teaching associates/assistants

Limited support for research and scholarly activities

Increased student anxiety added to advising workload

A shift in university priorities

* + - * 1. Three major spending priorities were identified:

Reduced teaching load/increased time for research

Increased funding for travel to conferences

Funding for outdated lab and other instructional equipment, and equipment maintenance.

* + - 1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Report on Faculty Perceptions of Budget Impacts and to share the report with Provost Para and Vice President Mary Stephens for their consideration when evaluating priorities for restorative funds. The motion was passed unanimously. Additionally, the report will also be submitted to the Deans, College Faculty Councils, and the Academic Senate.
      2. Dave Dowell thanked the three-member investigative team for their excellent work and stated that although budget restoration funds are a one-time pool of funding, the priorities set are likely to continue into the future, and will inform future budget discussions.
  1. Report of the subcommittee on the Academic Affairs budget—Bill Moore
     1. Postponed to Spring 2011 due to Bill Moore’s absence
  2. URC Charge and Composition (postponed to Spring 2011)

1. New Business
   1. Suspension of State-side Master’s Degree in Emergency Services Administration while maintaining the Self-Support Program: First Reading—Dean Millar and Associate Dean Sue Stanley—Time Certain 2pm
      1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the suspension.
      2. Jim Koval presented the rationale for the suspension of the State-side Program while maintaining the Self-Support Program.
   2. Discontinuance of the MA/MS Interdisciplinary Studies Program; First Reading – Director Cecile Lindsay – Time certain 2:15pm
      1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the discontinuance of the Program
      2. Cecile Lindsay provided the rationale for the discontinuance of the Program.
   3. Discontinuance of the BA/BS Interdisciplinary Studies Program; First Reading – Director Tim Caron
      1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the discontinuance of the Program
      2. Tim Caron provided the rationale for the discontinuance of the Program.
   4. Discontinuance of the Career Counseling Option in the Master of Science in Counseling Degree Program; First Reading – Dean Grenot-Scheyer and Chair Jennifer Coots – Time Certain 2:30pm
      1. A motion was made and seconded to approve discontinuance of the Program.
      2. Jennifer Coots provided the rationale for discontinuance of the Option.
   5. Discontinuance of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Crosscultural Language and Academic Development Studies; First Reading – Dean Grenot-Scheyer and Chair Jennifer Coots – Time Certain 2:30pm
      1. A motion was made and seconded to approve discontinuance of the Program.
      2. Jennifer Coots provided the rationale for discontinuance of the Minor.
2. Open Discussion—Costs and Operations of the University (postponed)
3. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Guthrie, Secretary