PRESIDENT’S BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 4, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Larry Furukawa-Schlereth  CFO, Vice-President for Administration and Finance, Co-Chair
Andrew Rogerson  Provost, CAO, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Co-Chair
Ben Ford  Immediate Past Chair of the Faculty, Mathematics Department
Richard Senghas  Vice-Chair of the Faculty; Anthropology Department
Mark Merickel  For Carlos Ayala -Dean, School of Science and Technology
Dan Condon  Vice-President, University Affairs
Erik Greeny  Interim Vice-President, University Development
Letitia Coate  Associate Vice-President for Administration and Finance
Matthew Lopez-Phillips  Chief Student Affairs Officer
Laura Lupei  Senior Director for University Budget, Administration and Finance
Andy Merrifield  CFA Representative, Political Science Department
Adam Gourley  Vice-President, Finance, Associated Students
Karen Paniagua  President, Associated Students

STAFF PRESENT:
Ian Hannah  University Treasurer, Administration and Finance
Lori Heffernon  Director of Academic Resources, Academic Affairs
Katie Robinson  Project Assistant, Administration and Finance

GUESTS PRESENT:
Arcelia Cabrera  Administrative Assistant, University Development
Anthony Gallino  Executive Vice-President, Associated Students
Mike Ogg  Budget Manager, Administration and Finance
Kathy Mahler  Lead Budget Manager, Administration and Finance
Natalie Sanchez  Administrative Coordinator-Budget, Administration and Finance

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ruben Armiñana  President, SSU, Chair
Henry Amaral  Staff Representative, Facilities
Margaret Purser  Faculty Chair, Anthropology Department
Jason Wenrick  Chief Information Officer, Administration and Finance
AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Larry Furukawa-Schlereth called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. He introduced the agenda and asked if any items needed to be added. Hearing none, Schlereth asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28th, 2013 meeting. Richard Senghas wanted to ensure the tone of the minutes was consistent with the intention of the presentation made by Margaret Purser at the previous meeting, and had some wording changes he would later share with Katie Robinson. Dan Condron moved; Richard Senghas seconded. Minutes approved unanimously, upon revision.

II. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 2013-2014 BUDGET

(Please see the April 4th, 2013 agenda packet for related documents)

Schlereth shared the BOT Committee on Finance’s Report on the 2013-2014 CSU Support Budget. The report includes suggested uses of the additional $125M granted in the Governor’s Budget proposal. Included in the proposal is $10M to be used for technology to address curricular “bottlenecks”, as dictated by the Governor. The Expenditure Plan also budgets for mandatory costs, employee compensation pool, and student access and success initiatives. Andy Merrifield added that revenue projections are optimistic as compared to budget, so the chances of decreased funding are small. Condron had not heard any change of heart coming from the legislature, so any changes to the proposed budget would likely come from the Governor himself. Included in the Committee on Finance’s Proposed Expenditure Plan is $21.7M in state-assisted CSU enrollment growth, which would translate to about $900,000 for SSU.

III. PROJECTED ENDOWMENT EARNINGS DISTRIBUTION

(Please see the April 4th, 2013 agenda packet for related documents)

Ian Hannah presented the projected 2013-2014 endowment distribution, which will be voted upon at the June SSUAF Board Meeting. The projected distribution will be approximately $1.02M and is determined based on 4% of the five year rolling average of the pooled endowment’s market value. Ben Ford noted that campus programs have been decreasing. Erik Greeny responded that recent endowment donations have favored scholarships over gifts to specific campus programs. Hannah addressed the fact that since the spending policy dictates a five year rolling average, this current year’s distribution still reflects the poor returns of prior years. That being said, the current endowment value has greatly recovered from the lows of 2008/09.
IV. STRATEGIES TO STABILIZE THE BASE
(Please see the April 4th, 2013 agenda packet for related documents)

Andrew Rogerson shared an updated list of what would be required to repair the base of Academic and Student Affairs. A few items had been removed from the previous version because they had a more appropriate home elsewhere in the University budget, or already had funding. Rogerson clarified that while many of these activities are funded every year, that does not necessarily mean they have permanent funding, but rather money is pulled together from various sources every year. Schlereth added that this is not an entirely comprehensive list; the task forces assigned to maintenance & repair, instructional technology, and co-curricular activities will add additional items they deem necessary to repair the base. There was some concern as to where the money would come for to pay for these various items. Schlereth reminded the committee of two previously discussed strategies relating to non-residential tuition, and increased advancement efforts. These strategies, however, will also require an investment. Schlereth welcomed any alternative ideas and invited the committee members to share with him any strategies they may think of.

Merrifield ended on a happy note, informing the committee that for the first time in years the California Legislature is seeing from the CSU a sense of unity and cooperation, as well as a more cohesive message.

Schlereth adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.
Minutes prepared by Katie Robinson.