
Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes
   Tabled.

2. Dean’s Remarks
   May Revised Budget
   The state budget proposal reflects a reduction to the CSU system of $1B if new taxes are not approved by the voters. The CSU Board of Trustees will likely consider increasing student fees by an additional 35% to cover the deficit resulting from the reduced state contribution. Dean Blanco asked the council to prepare priorities for their departments, the school and university and be prepared to share them at a later meeting convened for this purpose.

3. Brief Announcements
   Marketing/Branding Consultant
   The council is asked to hold May 31, 2011 on their calendars for a presentation by a marketing/branding consultant. The Provost was invited and a light lunch will be provided.

   Urgent Meeting
   In light of the expected budget cut to the CSU system for 2011-12, the Provost has asked to meet with the school deans on May 24, 2011 to discuss the impact on CSUB. Dean Blanco asked to meet with the NSM Administrative Council on Thursday, May 26, 2011, to discuss the outcome of the meeting with the Provost and develop strategies for the school to deal with the deep budget reductions.

   Summer Schedules
   While it is recognized that some of school’s chairs have academic year appointments, Dean Blanco asked that they send Ms. Bishop their summer availability in case the need arises for the NSM Office of the Dean to contact them.

   Master Plan Proposal
   Dean Blanco is having plans drawn up for the temporary building that will be needed for engineering science; he plans to present these architectural renditions at the next Master Plan Committee meeting on May 25, 2011.

   Natural Sciences Program Review
   Dr. James Rudd, Program coordinator of the Natural Sciences program at CSU Los Angeles, is on campus today for the Natural Sciences program review that is in progress.

   Five-year Review of Dean in 2011-12
   Dean Blanco is up for review in the 2011-12 academic year. According to the campus policy a committee should be established before the end of the current academic year. This activity will be coordinated by the Office of the Provost.
4. **Budget**
   None.

5. **Curriculum**
   None.

6. **Associate Dean’s Report**
   None.

7. **Chairs’ Reports**
   Open Technician Positions
   Dean Blanco distributed the *Job Announcements* for the Equipment Technician III, Specialized Equipment and Equipment Technician II/III (Electronic). In addition, the two application packets for the Equipment Technician III, Specialized Equipment were handed out for review. Given that there were only two applicants and only one seems qualified, Dean Blanco asked if the position should be re-advertised. The NSM Administrative Council was asked for suggested places to advertise and some of the responses included the Chronicle of Higher Education, Monster.com, and Physics Today. Dean Blanco volunteered to serve as the Qualification Appraisal Board (QAB) chair and asked that the department chairs and Elizabeth Powers of Unit 9 serve in the QAB. Dr. Horton suggested adding Tom Osborn to be on the committee if he is willing. The one qualified candidate will be invited for an interview.

8. **Old Business**
   None.

9. **New Business**
   Laboratory/Course Fees
   A copy of *Executive Order 1034* (EO1034) was distributed. Dr. Gebauer indicated that his submittals closely follow the language of EO 1034. The chairs were asked to review the EO 1034 and if needed, revise the laboratory/course fee requests and send them to Ms. Bishop by the end of the day.

10. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m. The remaining meetings for the spring quarter are scheduled for Tuesday, May 24; Thursday, May 26 (hold for special budget mtg.); May 31 (NSM Branding); and June 7, 2011.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted,

Laura Ann Bishop

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