

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Minutes of the CAHSS Council of Chairs Meeting

Meeting of November 14, 2006

Approved November 28, 2006

Present: Ayoob, Benavides-Garb, Bennett, Berry, Brenneman, Cheyne, Crawford, Goodman, Hall-Martin (recorder), Larson, Leeper, Little, Meyer, Paulet, Smith, Snyder, Vellanoweth and Wells

Absent: Paynton

Guest: Valerie Budig-Markin

A special meeting of the CAHSS Council of Chairs was held.

REQUEST FOR POSITION CONVERSION

Valerie Budig-Markin joined the Chairs and, with Benavides-Garb, presented a request for the conversion of Professor Joseph Dieme from a full time temporary position to a probationary position in WLC. Because the original paperwork that created the position did not include language to make it convertible, a special exception from President Richmond is required. Chairs were advised of several possible plans to achieve the conversion and why retaining Professor Dieme is crucial to the program and would be a great benefit to HSU as well as CAHSS. **M/S:** To recommend Plan C. The motion passed with one abstention.

BUDGET

The Dean reported that there is still no solid information on what the budget will be for 07/08. Ideally, the UBC would make broad recommendations on how to cut. OAA is looking at several scenarios: Program elimination, each college cutting "X" amount with an eye to SFR/FTES targets, curricular changes, and administrative consolidation. With no hard answers or plans in place, it is very difficult to know how to proceed regarding the upcoming scheduling meetings, which will go forward. FTES targets, should they be imposed, have to be reasonable and sustainable. Several ideas to reduce budgets were discussed. GE has to be managed at some level. Cuts will likely not be spread out evenly, they will be concentrated and are long term efficiencies which probably will not change or return. When asked about the criteria for program elimination, the Dean indicated that it is not necessarily the smaller programs they will be looking at. Large, costly programs with few majors would also be an appropriate target for elimination. Student fees may be employed to help and it may be that money will be found to augment the deficits. As soon as there is any information or targets have been determined, the Dean will advise Chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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