

Minutes, Budget Committee of Academic Senate

Meeting of April 30, 2004 (As Approved June 8, 2004)

Present: Michael McIntyre (Chair), Stephen Calkins, Marc Cogan (late), Charles Parrish, Louis Romano*, Vanessa Rose*, Linea Rydstedt, Assia Shisheva, Harley Tse, William Volz, James Woodyard.

Absent with Notice: Charles Elder, Marlyne Kilbey, Celeste Lezuch*, Carol Parker.

Absent without Notice: Ravi Dhar, William Slater.

Guest: Diane Gebard, Provost's Office

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1. The meeting convened at 12:00 noon. The minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2004, were approved.

2. *Review of Centers and Institutes.* The committee discussed the four additional centers that the Policy Committee has asked the committee to review. Subcommittees had been appointed to give reports on each of the centers, and those reports were distributed prior to the meeting. After discussion, the committee took the following action:

- *Center for Automotive Research.* The committee recommended extension of the charter of the Center for Automotive Research for the normal period without reservations. It should be noted that the committee received additional information about funding from the director that had not been available to the Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee, which recommended only a 3-year extension.
- *Center for the Study of Citizenship.* The committee recommended that no permanent charter be awarded to the proposed center until it produced a realistic plan that provides for stable funding of the center without a drain on University funds. The CIAC proposed a 3-year extension with many conditions. The committee asked the chair to contact the director designate of the center to clarify some of the budget information provided by the center. [Note: The chair did talk with Prof. Kruman, and the additional information obtained from him is included in the report on the center.]
- *Center for International Business Studies.* The committee discontinued its review of the Center for International Business Studies after learning that the Dean of the School of Business Administration and the director of the center had reached agreement not to pursue a renewal of the center's charter. The committee notes that the director of the center was cooperative in providing additional budget information but that all of the information that the subcommittee felt was needed for a full review had not yet been received. The CIAC has proposed termination of the center.

- *Center for Urban Studies.* The committee recommends extension of the charter of the center for the usual period, but it also recommends that the center be required to provide a report to the Provost within two years that sets forth a realistic long-term plan for reducing substantially the absolute subsidy received by the center from the General Fund. It appears that the center is engaging in substantial contract work but is not charging appropriate overhead for that work, resulting in the requests for a General Fund subsidy. The CIAC proposed renewal for the normal term.

The chair proposed that he would rework the subcommittee reports to reflect the action of the committee and distribute them to the committee for comments. He noted that the Policy Committee needed to act on the centers at its meeting of May 3, 2004, in order to present its proposals for action at the meeting of the Academic Senate scheduled for May 12, 2004. This suggested procedure was adopted by the committee. [Note: The chair completed the reports on May 3, 2004, and distributed them to the committee for review, with draft copies going to Policy. Revised copies reflecting the suggested changes received from various members of the committee were given to Policy on May 5, 2004.]

3. *Hazardous Waste Program.* The Budget Committee concluded that it has no basis for a recommendation for or against the transfer of the Hazardous Waste program from Engineering to Pharmacy and Health Sciences. It is not aware of any budget implications of the move, and no documentation was provided suggesting that there are budget implications.

4. *Proposed Revised Statute for Centers and Institutes.* The committee endorsed the Policy Committee's proposed revision of the statute for centers and institutes and also endorsed the accompanying memorandum setting forth the goals of a revised statute. The statute and memorandum were drafted for Policy by the chair of the Budget Committee.

5. *Adjournment.* The committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Michael J. McIntyre