

## **Addendum to Budget Committee Minutes of the July 21, 2006, Meeting**

The addendum is intended to provide the Budget Committee of the Academic Senate with information about actions occurring at the BOG meeting of July 26 and my actions as faculty representative on the BOG's Budget and Finance Committee.

1. The Budget and Finance Committee took up the Administration's proposal for a tuition increase of 5.8%. A motion was made by the chair of the committee to reduce the increase to 3.8%, with the reduction in revenues to result in a postponement of spending on non-essential items from the deferred maintenance account. I supported the motion on two grounds. I argued that the money derived from the tuition increase was not being targeted properly. For the 10th year in a row, the percentage of the budget going to the schools and colleges has gone down, despite claims by the Administration that faculty recruitment and retention are its top priorities. I also noted that the increase for out-of-state students was unsupported. The motion failed (3 in favor, 4 against, with the student representative voting with the majority).

2. When the budget itself was considered by the committee, I moved to require that the \$1 million being given to the OVPR for various unspecified purposes be put in a fund, under the control of the Provost, for faculty setups and faculty retention — the two top priorities identified by the OVPR in its January 23, 2006, memo. That motion passed, 4-3, with the student representative voting with the majority.

3. I also moved, in accordance with the motion passed by the Budget Committee at our July 21, 2006, meeting, to require the 2.5% budget increase for certain centers and institutes to go into a fund, to be distributed to those centers and institutes on a merit basis. The allocation would be done by the OVPR, in consultation with the appropriate faculty committee. Several board members spoke in favor of the amendment. President Reid then announced that he would accept the amendment as a "friendly amendment" and was prepared to act in accordance with it. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Administration's proposal would be modified to reflect the intent of my proposed amendment.

4. After the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, the full BOG met. Item 2, above, was rejected by the full BOG. Faculty and students have no vote at meetings of the full BOG. As best I can recall, the full BOG has never before rejected a budget recommendation of its Budget and Finance Committee. In my opinion, the result was a defeat for sound management of the University and an effective disenfranchisement of the faculty and student representatives.

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