FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: April 12, 2010


ABSENT: K. Karimlou, I. Kim, M. Soldatenko, Y. Song, L. Whitcomb, F. Zhou

J. Benedict, FiPC Vice-Chair, convened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

1. Announcements
   None.

2. Intent to Raise Questions
   None at this time.

3. Liaison Report
   M. Soldatenko was absent from meeting. None at this time.

4. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 09-10)
   M/s/p (S. Herrera) to approve the agenda as amended.
   Add item 6.3. Proposal for Merging of Department of Performing Arts
   Add item 6.4. Proposal for Splitting of Department of Communication Studies.

5. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 09-09)
   M/s/p (D. Weaver) to approve the minutes as submitted.

6. Budget Items
   6.1 College-Level Fiscal Committees
      Committee reviewed FiPC members’ descriptions submissions of college level fiscal committees. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to table for further discussion once ECST has submitted its fiscal committee description.

      J. Benedict will send a memo to K. Karimlou, ECST representative, requesting a brief description of the ECST fiscal committee.

      It was requested that this item be tabled for the next FiPC meeting for further discussion.

   6.2 Budget Process
      Committee members briefly discussed the Budget Process and the timing for FiPC to make recommendations.

      It was requested that this item be tabled for the next FiPC meeting for further discussion.
6.3 Merging of the Department of Performing Arts
After reviewing the memo sent from Dean T. L. Allison to Provost Cardoza requesting the merging of Music Department and Theaters Arts and Dance Department, the Committee recommended for Dean Allison to include further fiscal information in regards to the budget advantages or implications the merger will bring. Any funding or salary savings as a result of the merger needs to be listed with the proposal.

J. Benedict, will be asking Dean T. L. Allison to provide the additional fiscal information.

6.4 Split of the Department of Communication Studies
After reviewing the memo submitted by Dean T. L. Allison to Provost Cardoza requesting split of the Communication Studies department into Communication Studies Department and the Department of Television, Film, and Media Studies, the Committee requested additional information in regards to the fiscal implication due to splitting the Department.

J. Benedict will contact Dean T. L. Allison to request the additional fiscal information such as Chair salary for new Department, administrative assistant staff, office equipment, etc.

7. Adjournment
M/s/p (Y. Song) to adjourn at 11:25 a.m.