

November 2, 2007

J. Michael Ortiz
President, Cal Poly Pomona

Dear President Ortiz,

The recent budget crisis in the College of Science caused undue stress on students, staff, and faculty and brought negative attention to our campus. This situation is indicative of the lack of clarity about how money is allocated across the campus. Not only can we not tell where money is allocated in the university, we cannot tell if there is even a sound rationale for its allocation.

The CSU Statement on Collegiality that was passed by the CSU Board of Trustees and is an addendum to the CPP Academic Senate's Constitution, states

The collegial process also recognizes the value of participation for the faculty in budgetary matters, particularly those directly affecting the areas for which the faculty has primary responsibility.

The Academic Senate recommended a process for the establishment of a university budget committee at your request (AS-2177-045/EP in May 2005). This recommendation was never accepted, and in fact, you never formally responded to it. This goes against Section 3E of our Constitution. Since that time, although the Academic Senate has pressed you on several occasions about this issue, it has still not been resolved.

In addition to having a budget crisis in the College of Science, lack of transparency on the budget issue in all Colleges clouds the P & R process we are currently undertaking and further erodes the trust between the administration and students, staff and faculty. Therefore, we urge you to take a positive step and establish a process for budget oversight that is inclusive of various constituencies on campus and is transparent.

Respectfully,

Executive Committee, CPP Academic Senate

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