To: Dawn Neuman, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Fiscal Policies Committee—Elliott, Jesse; Huang, Nian-Sheng; King, Liz; LaBonte, Kristen (chair); Liang, Priscilla; Paiva, Claudio; Tollefson, Kaia

Subject: 2011 Updated Comments and Recommendations on the Budget

Date: April 29, 2011

Fiscal Policies Committee Recommendations on the Academic Affairs Budget, 4/29/11

- 1. Cut travel budget by 50% across the board in all units of Academic Affairs.
 - a. Put pressure on CSU-wide meetings to become virtual meetings.
- 2. Cut business meal budget by 50% across the board in all units of Academic Affairs.
- 3. Preserve Faculty Development Mini-Grants, with continued emphasis on prioritizing junior faculty awards.
- 4. Cut printing and supplies to total the rest of the cost of the budget cut across the board to average around 3%.
 - a. The Provost has discretionary power to alter the cut from 1-5% by program/area.
- 5. Require state of the budget (transparency) meetings by area/program where a Chair or Director will lead a faculty meeting discussing how their money is spent each year. (i.e., follow Provost's model of transparency with Faculty Affairs budget in working with Fiscal Policies Committee)
- 6. Examine computer budgets of 8 programs to see what needs the \$20,600 spent each year meet.