Emily Newberry called the meeting to order.

This meeting of the CAC/BSP was called specifically at the request of faculty supporting the proposed establishment of a College of Science & Engineering. Emily Newberry, CAC/BSP Chair, opened the meeting to Steven Turner and Joe Sucic to present their proposal for consideration by CAC/BSP, with specific focus on the budget.

**Item of Discussion**

- **CSE Proposal**

S. Turner began the discussion by stating that the budget as attached to the proposal was designed to be a framework for modeling and allow for projections based on historical data. The intent is to create a “zero-based” budget. The figures attached to this proposal do not include faculty posts or equipment but rather are estimates based on FY13 data (expenses) paid on their behalf by CAS. These forecasted expenses were used as a tool to assist in building a budget designed to develop long and short term needs.

E. Newberry inquired whether the proposal (pg 16) is viable whether proposed external funding comes through or not. S. Turner responded affirmatively and stated that the proposed external funding would subsidize the dean’s office and some faculty positions.

C. Douglas inquired whether the five faculty posts currently pending were included in the budget model. S. Turner indicated they were not.
E. Newberry stated the proposed college fee (pg 13 of the proposal) really constitutes a tuition differential and inquired if the stated 12% growth projections were realistic. S. Turner responded that if there is a perception of quality, he believes students will pay the increased fees. S. Turner also stated that while the increased fees do cause tuition of a STEM college to grow at a faster rate than the rest of the university, this is common in science programs.

J. Glasco stated there really should be a market study to determine if we can be competitive in establishing a new college and questioned what budget would this leave for CAS (e.g. what is the gap and what constitutes a fair and equitable split?)

C. Douglas expressed his concerns about the use of old data in establishing projections, and emphasized that it is difficult to entertain this proposal based on questionable information.

(G Voland joined the committee)

E. Newberry inquired as to the timeline for establishing a CES. S. Turner stated they have a rather ambitious goal of July 1st. G. Voland stated there are currently two (2) urgent issues that are propelling the fast-track of this proposal: (1) commencement of a nationwide search for a new CAS dean and (2) financial opportunities that will evaporate if this is not moved forward quickly.

G. Voland stated he is aware of the motion by Bob Bix to delay deliberation of this proposal and he (Voland) has solicited the expertise of the Office of the General Counsel to review of the faculty code so as to ensure there is no violation. In fact, he believes a delay or deferral in moving forward is a violation of faculty code.

Chancellor Person stated if the intent is to seek regent approval so as to establish the college by July 1st, this proposal needs to be addressed swiftly. The regents have implemented new guidelines for executive-level hires and/or restructuring and/or establishing new schools, which requires the chancellor to informally present these matters at a subcommittee of the full board of regents prior to seeking full board approval. This means a more lengthy and detailed process. Chancellor Person would need to present a summary of this proposal at the March regents informal and then (assuming there is the requisite support) take the formal proposal forward at a later full board regents meeting. The cutoff for informal documents to be included for discussion in March is March 10th. Thus, any change in budget modeling needs to be completed within the next week in order to return to the CAC/BSP committee for presentation.
G. Voland indicated he believes this can be accomplished and that he and V. Lotfi would work with J. Glasco and others to revise the budget.

There was a brief discussion relative to a future CAC/BSP meeting to review the revised budget. E. Newberry will communicate with the committee as necessary to move this proposal along.

Meeting adjourned.