

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of April 14, 2005

Present: Chair Paul Koch, Faye Crosby, Margaret Fitzsimmons, Alison Galloway, Wentai Liu, Ray Gibbs, John Lynch, Onuttom Narayan, Don Rothman, Marina Sarran, Mary-Beth Harhen

Absent: (with notice) Margaret Morse

Guests: VC Planning and Budget Meredith Michaels

Members' Items/Committee Business

The March 31, 2005 minutes were approved.

Chair Koch reported on the discussion of the excess units fee proposal at the UCPB meeting. The new policy would assess a fee on students who are enrolled in extra courses, above the normal load after their 4th year at UC. From the Senate perspective it is important to “push back” on this proposal, as it fosters misconceptions about the university and its students. Generally, those who take extra courses are double majors, EAP students, etc. A fee would be expensive to administer, and the Senate believes that there are other success models to increasing the timeliness of graduation, such as the approach adopted at UCLA.

Consultation with Earth Sciences Chair Elise Knittle

With CPB Chair Paul Koch recusing himself, CPB consulted with Chair Knittle on the request from the Earth Sciences Department for hiring one additional faculty member from the current year’s search. Earth Sciences has had four separations since 2001, three of them in 2003 due to retirements and resignations. Chair Knittle said that a broad search was conducted because of the many openings. She also stated that the position was consistent with the department’s 2001 department plan. The requested position would also take advantage of “Earthscope” funding provided by a major initiative from NSF. Chair Knittle stated that undergraduate enrollments in Earth Sciences have doubled in the past five years but the FTE have not been increased to meet this demand. CPB was persuaded of the need for this recruitment and a letter with their recommendation will be sent to Interim CPEVC Kliger. CPB noted a difference in the counting of FTE by the division and the department. It is unclear if the FTE held for the Director of MBARI is counted against the department.

Master Capital Improvement Plan and other space issues

In preparation for CPB’s review, member Onottum Narayan reported on the recent Advisory Committee on Facilities meeting where the MCIP was discussed.

Divisional Faculty Recruitment Proposals

CPB members took assignments outside their divisions for reviewing the divisional faculty recruitment proposals to be discussed at the next several meetings.