

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of May 12, 2005

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

Absent: (with notice) Margaret Morse

Guests: Interim CPEVC Dave Kliger, VC Merdith Michaels and Assistant Provost Charlotte Moreno

Members' Items/Committee Business

CPB discussed IT issues and agreed to talk with department staff about how the IT transformation is going in each division. CPB noted that the network infrastructure needs significant upgrades. The Committee also discussed the Senate Executive Committee's resolution on Housing and how faculty can work to draw the attention of the administration to this very important issue.

Consultation with Interim CPEVC Dave Kliger and Social Sciences Interim Dean Michael Hutchison

The dean started with a synopsis of the current state of the division with respect to FTE. The Social Sciences Division is facing pressures to grow to support recently approved graduate (Education Ph.D., Ed.D., Community Studies M.A., Politics Ph.D.) and maintain excellence in existing undergraduate and graduate programs. At present, the division offers a large fraction of campus undergraduate and graduate degrees, but the current fraction of faculty is on the low end for a UC campus and would go lower if we follow the projections in the 10-year plan. With respect to the FTE request for 05-06, the dean reiterated that with respect to new positions, he would follow the priorities outlined in his response. In addition, he would move forward with a large number of replacement positions using open provisions within the division. CPB asked about the relative priority of replacement versus new positions in the divisional plan.

Consultation with Interim CPEVC Dave Kliger and Physical and Biological Sciences Interim Dean Steven Thorsett

Interim Dean Steven Thorsett stated that the Physical and Biological Sciences (PBSci) Division has had the same number of faculty since the year 2000. Several departments in PBSci have very high student to faculty workload (Biology, Chemistry, and Math) and graduate enrollments have increased by 16%. The division meets every other week with chairs and research directors to coordinate the phasing of hires. The budget revision submitted by Interim Dean Thorsett is builds off ongoing searches this year, and recognizes impending retirements. CPB noted that the division is requesting substantially more new FTE in 05-06 than the EVC indicated a willingness to support, particularly in light of the recent forward funding of two positions for MCDB. Dean Thorsett stated that

the division would need to follow through with these hires in 05-06 one-way or the other. The dean also noted that there will be a joint Biomedical plan from PBSci and SOE.

Women's Studies Proposed Name Change

CPB reviewed the proposed name change for the Women's Studies Department and Undergraduate Major to Feminist Studies. They found no budgetary implications with this change.

2004-05 University Opportunity Fund Allocation

Due to lack of time this agenda item will be forwarded to a future meeting.