

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of January 12, 2006

Present: Chair Paul Koch, Onuttom Narayan, Ray Gibbs, Quentin Williams, Ravi Rajan, Wentai Liu, Don Rothman, David Evan Jones, Emily Honig, Faye Crosby, Marina Sarran, Mary-Beth Harhen

Absent: (with notice) Saurabh Mishra

Guests: CPEVC Dave Klinger, Assistant Provost Charlotte Moreno, VC Meredith Michaels

Member's Items

CPB member Ravi Rajan agreed to be the CPB representative to the Committee on Faculty Welfare for housing agenda discussions.

The minutes for 11/17/05, 12/01/05 and 12/08/05 were approved with minor edits.

Chair Koch reported on the UCPB meeting where it was announced that the marginal cost is going up to \$10,100 for new students. A committee at UCOP is looking at new funding models for graduate support and developing principles for changing graduate funding. The Strategic Sourcing Initiative, which negotiates contracts UC-wide with vendors, has demonstrated savings. It is unclear how these savings will be reallocated out to campuses for graduate student support; they might still show up as a budget reduction to the campuses from UCOP. It was announced that the Los Alamos Lab will be run by Los Alamos National Security LLC (including UC, Bechtel Corporation, BWX Technologies, and the Washington Group). Lab workers will no longer be UC employees. The Office of the President and the Regents are proposing to use the Mercer report on compensation as a basis for restructuring administrative salaries; UCPB will forward its objections to this proposal, which has not been adequately vetted by the Senate, seems politically problematic, and may be plagued by biases in the Mercer analysis.

CPB member Onuttom Narayan reported on the Advisory Committee on Facilities meeting where the reuse plan for Thimann labs was presented. In the plan, there will be office space for graduate students and the lab space will be used for instructional labs. This may be problematic because converting research space to instructional space can work against the university, making it difficult to get future funding for instructional space. The plan for the third floor is therefore being reviewed further.

Five-Year List

There was an initial discussion of the five-year list and its purpose. Members were asked to review the list for their divisions to determine its accuracy and to report back to CPB at the next meeting.

Academic Planning/Graduate Targets

CPB identified several questions regarding academic and graduate enrollment plans and will forward these questions to Interim VPAA Galloway for her March 2, 2006 consultation with the committee.

SVC Discussion

Due to lack of time this agenda item was moved to next week's agenda

Consultation with CPEVC Dave Kliger

VC Meredith Michaels reported on the Governor's proposed budget. The marginal rate for new students has increased from \$7500 to \$10,100. The primary growth in the budget resulted from capital gains. The budget shows a 4% increase in revenue and a 7% increase in spending. The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan for infrastructure requests that the legislature approve the plan (and its bond measures) for the entire ten-year span.

EIR Discussion

Member Onuttom Narayan noted that there was a typo in the 2.1 section of the CPB comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that makes the results irreproducible, but that 2.2 may be sufficient for the University to reissue this section of the EIR. Also discussed was what, if any, future actions CPB should take regarding the EIR. The committee agreed to attempt to assess all the Senate EIR comments to broaden its perspective on where we go from here. The LRDP/EIR is expected to be on the September Regent's meeting agenda.

Academic Divisional Budget Reporting

The Chancellor and the CPEVC have started meeting with Vice Chancellors and Vice Provosts in order to develop a strategic business/budget plan. They are reviewing current budgetary processes, and the new plan will consider campus goals and priorities.

Private Funding of Administrative Salaries

Due to lack of time this agenda item was moved to next week's agenda.