

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET**  
**Meeting of January 26, 2006**

**Present:** Onuttom Narayan, Ray Gibbs, Quentin Williams, Ravi Rajan, Wentai Liu, Don Rothman, David Evan Jones, Emily Honig, Faye Crosby, Saurabh Mishra, Mary-Beth Harhen

**Absent:** (with notice) Chair Paul Koch, Marina Sarran

**Guests:** CPEVC Dave Klinger, Assistant Provost Charlotte Moreno, VP Silicon Valley Carl Walsh, VC Meredith Michaels, CAFA Chair Rob Coe

**Member's Items**

CPB member Ravi Rajan reported about the meeting of the Committee on Faculty Welfare (CFW) that he attended, and their concern about housing.

**Merit Funding Proposal (CAFA)**

The Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (CAFA) Chair Rob Coe discussed the Merit Funding Proposal to restore funds to Regents Scholarships. These awards are for top students on the basis of academic merit. Once merit is established, they can also be scaled based on need. In the last five years, UCSC has seen a big drop in merit scholarships both in the relative number of students and the amounts of awards.

The proposal recommends restoring funding to 2000-01 rate of \$95 per undergraduate FTE over a three-year period. The most current spending on the program (2004-05) was \$40 per undergraduate FTE. Funds for Regents scholars were originally provided by the Office of the President. When the responsibility for funding devolved to the campuses, UCSC at first picked up the contribution, but has not sustained the program. Currently UCSC has the lowest funding rate for Regents scholars, except for UCSF, a graduate campus, and the new UC Merced.

CPB members were quick to acknowledge the advantages and benefits of having Regents Scholars on campus. It seems that the decline in funding coincides with the campus budget cuts and now a plan could be developed to restore the funding to the \$95 per FTE level.

CAFA presented this proposal to the Chancellor last spring when she visited the committee and informed CAFA that she would take it under advisement. CAFA has recently forwarded it to VC Student Affairs Francisco Hernandez.

CAFA is asking CPB to look into the finances of this with the administration to determine where this fits in campus's funding priorities. CPB determined that it warrants looking into but must be considered with other priorities such as establishment of a campus honors program.

### **Consultation with VP Silicon Valley Initiatives Carl Walsh**

VP Walsh responded to questions CPB sent in advance of the meeting regarding his portfolio which has the following four areas:

- Collaboration for higher education: Programs have been developed to work with high school and middle school students and teachers. With Foothill DeAnza UCSC is focusing on community college transfers.
- UARC (University Affiliated Research Center) There are four advantages to campus to having UARC.
  1. Support for faculty research through the task orders is beneficial although limited. The organizational structure for this is closer to a medical school where lots of research dollars fund research on soft money. These researchers (approximately 100) are UC employees.
  2. Gives UCSC a direct relationship with NASA so that there is access to facilities that would not otherwise be available.
  3. In addition to indirect costs, up to 7% of the total value of the contract comes back as ARP (Aligned Research Program) meaning that the research must be aligned (making significant contributions) with NASA's mission. These funds currently support about 25 graduate students.
  4. A management fee of up to 4%, dependent on the performance of the management. With the recent excellent review, UCSC was awarded 94% of this over the last two years, totally about \$1 million. Indirect costs from UARC are distributed according to university policy, including nearly \$2 million to the general fund over the last two years. The divisional share of opportunity funds is controlled by the VP Silicon Valley.
- BINRIDI: UCSC will apply for \$2 million in NASA funds to develop this research institute. It is viewed as a joint venture using private R&D firms and research grants. CPB noted that it has not seen a proposal for this project, and expressed a keen interest in understanding it. Another consultation will be set up in Spring quarter.
- Academic endeavors: the portfolio includes UCSC campus academic programs, primarily with the School of Engineering and potential School of Management.

### **Consultation with CPEVC Dave Klinger**

CPB noted that there is considerable discussion among faculty about the divisional sizes. CPEVC Klinger stated these are only proposed sizes; the divisional plans will be reviewed and there will be additional analysis given to the size of the divisions. CPB reviewed the process and timeline handout for reviewing the divisional academic plans.

EVC Klinger let the committee know that he will not be looking at the base budgets of units this year and instead will be reviewing the incremental amounts. CPEVC Klinger asked that CPB delay the budget discussion until the administration receives the consultant's findings. He also stated that system-wide academic planning is intended to coordinate, not interfere, with campus academic planning.

EVC Kliger said that even though the contract with the builder for Ranch View Terrace expires at the end of the month, the builder has agreed not to raise the price if the project can go ahead by mid April. The administration is trying to ensure that this happens.

### **Academic Department Review Procedures**

CPB noted the need for the Academic Department Review procedure to include a standard assessment of teaching. They would also like the self-study to include a statement from the department regarding what makes them distinctive in comparison to other UC departments. The review committee should be told how much flexible funding the department has, so that they have a realistic idea of what is feasible. Accountability for review committee recommendations needs to be sharpened. A letter with additional committee recommendations will be forwarded to Interim VPAA Alison Galloway.

### **VPAA Job Description**

Due to lack of time this agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.