

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of June 8, 2006

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

Absent: (with notice) Faye Crosby, Marina Sarran

Guests: VC Meredith Michael

Member's Items

CPB Chair Koch reported on the final UCPB meeting for 2005-06. Continuing issues for 2006-07 include: compensation for faculty and executive salaries; retirement issues (including budgetary implications connected to the Los Alamos employees being pulled out of the UC retirement system); and the graduate student funding proposal. UCPB also discussed advocating for increasing the proportional state funding for the university. They want the UC leadership to push for restoration of the university's funding to where it was in 2000.

Academic Support Unit Budget Requests

The committee discussed the budget requests for the Library, Student Affairs, and the Office of Planning and Budget. CPB's recommendations on these requests will be submitted to CPEVC Kliger.

Computer Game Design

CPB discussed the resource implications for the Computer Game Design (CGD) B.S. proposal. Comments included in the discussion: CPB will request that the Dean provide his funding commitment to CGD if the projected donations do not materialize; potential impacts CGD could have on the Computer Science Department's future FTE allocations; recognition that future FTE allocations may be replacement rather than new requests; and recognition that the diversity of the student population should inform future recruitments. A letter to CEP and Interim VPAA Galloway regarding these recommendations will be forthcoming.

19,500 vs. 21,000 Enrollment Limit for LRDP

CPB reviewed several enrollment scenarios provided by the Office of Planning and Budget as well as the Strategic Futures Committee scenarios to 21,000. Chair Koch also did an analysis looking at the sizes of existing UCSC departments that are in the top ranking of National Research Council (NRC) rankings. Roughly, to move most departments to sizes equivalent to the average for first quartile NRC departments, we would need roughly 1050 faculty and 21,000 students and this number doesn't account for faculty that must be kept in reserve. CPB noted that administrative support for faculty should also be a consideration for achieving excellence. Members noted, further, that

excellence doesn't necessarily correlate to size and that there are many examples of large mediocre departments. A careful prioritized academic plan is as important as the absolute number of faculty once we are considering sizes of 17, 19, or 21 thousand. CPB will send the Senate Executive Committee their comments regarding enrollment scenarios of 19,500 vs. 21,000.

Campus Plan Draft

CPB identified several points of discussion regarding the first draft of the Campus Academic Plan. They will review their recommendations with Interim VPAA Galloway during her consultation on June 15, 2006.

SOE Start ups

The three recruitment requests were discussed and CPB comments will be forwarded to CPEVC Kliger.

Humanities Recruitment Request

The committee agreed that the request was reasonable and will recommend that an archaeologist be placed on the search committee. A letter to CPEVC Kliger will be forthcoming.