

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

Present: Chair Susan Gillman, Ray Gibbs, Emily Honig, David Evan Jones, Tracy Larrabee, Karen Ottemann, Grant Pogson, Ravi Rajan, Quentin Williams, Gabriela Sandoval, Alegra Eroy-Reveles, Bryant Mata, Mary-Beth Harhen

Absent: (with notice) Faye Crosby, Sarah Curtis

Guests: CPEVC Dave Klinger, VPAA Alison Galloway, Vice Chancellor Meredith Michaels, AVP Charlotte Moreno, and GC Chair Don Brenneis

Members Items

The minutes for 9/28/06 were approved as circulated. CPB member Tracy Larrabee reported on the October 10th Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting. SEC is drafting a position statement on the actions around military recruiting, stating that free speech should be protected and that offensive speech should be countered with more speech. A joint sub-committee on faculty salaries has been formed with the Committees on Planning and Budget, Faculty Welfare and Academic Personnel. This represents the first of what SEC hopes will be an extended series of collaborations among this year's Senate committees.

Ex-officio member Quentin Williams reported on the October 11th Assembly meeting at the Office of the President. One topic of discussion was the University of California (UC) involvement with National Labs now that it is run by a limited liability corporation. UC controls 50% of the Board of Directors and has veto power over any of its decisions. The major question is how faculty are to engage in lab management. Another topic of discussion was the question, considered by the Senate over the course of several years, of whether there should be restrictions on funding sources such as tobacco funding. The Regents are responsible for accepting and restricting funding sources. The Assembly cast the argument in terms of Academic Freedom. Finally, there was a question-and-answer session with President Dynes about faculty salaries. The four-percent nominal raise will be eroded by other costs (a breakdown is forthcoming from Office of the President). He expects UC faculty to achieve salary parity with comparison institutes by 2010-11. It was noted that this can only be achieved by a one-time infusion of state funds. The Senate will explore the issue of faculty salaries at UCSC and systemwide through the joint task-force mentioned above.

External Reviews

CPB reviewed policy and practical questions of members' participation in departmental reviews.

Community Studies External Review (Universal Charge)

The committee agreed to move this agenda item to the next meeting.

Bioengineering Degree Proposal (initial discussion)

Chair Gillman stated that when reviewing new program proposals, members should look at the following: reasonable time to graduation, student demand, resource issues, and overall planning. The proposal has clear intellectual justification and cohesion. The two main issues regarding the Bioengineering proposal concern FTE, instructors and space for wet labs. A draft letter on the Bioengineering proposal will be circulated via email and finalized at the next CPB meeting.

Consultation with CPEVC Dave Kliger

Regarding the Technology and Information Management Program (TIM), CPB has recommended (see CPB to Kliger, May 5, 2006) that there be external leadership for this program and that accounting of expenditures be reconciled independently. CPB noted that a review of the graduate proposal, as requested by VPAA Galloway, is premature, given that the number of unanswered questions about the management of the program by the School of Engineering (SOE). Professor Pat Mantey is currently serving as the head of the group because SOE has not been authorized to recruit for the TIM senior position. EVC Kliger stated that he is inclined to hire a senior leader from outside, using outside members on the search committee. CPB inquired how the campus can justify investing more resources in a questionable program that has, after over two years, failed to complete its deliverables, when there is real need to develop other existing and new programs on campus. EVC Kliger agreed to follow up on the request, made in CPB's May, 5 2006 letter, for a proper accounting of TIM funds to date. CPB also requested that SOE present a business plan for TIM that is sufficient to gain the confidence of the administration and the Senate. Once these essential requests have been met, CPB will consider meeting with the relevant Deans on their views of and plans for Silicon Valley Center, the School of Management and other professional-school proposals.

EVC Kliger presented the proposed enrollment numbers that will guide the University's capital planning. Given that the figures are close to our earlier enrollment target (a difference, as Vice Chancellor Michaels explained, of about fifty students over the next ten years), CPB agreed to accept them without comment. CPB noted that the discussion of the larger strategy represented by our growth scenarios (keep freshman numbers constant, increase graduate enrollment) will be key to the conditions for growth on the campus.

Review of Draft Campus Academic Plan

The committee had several comments regarding the draft campus academic plan. The review of the draft plan will be continued at the next meeting. Campus plans from other UC campuses, as well as links to earlier CPB reports on planning (2002-04) will be used as a basis for next week's discussion. Chair Gillman agreed to write a synopsis of CPB's comments for next week's consultation with EVC Kliger and VPAA Galloway.

Conditions for Growth

CPB will discuss this issue at the next meeting.