

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of January 17, 2008

Present: Chair Susan Gillman, Michael Brown, Lori Kletzer, Tracy Larrabee, Herbert Lee, Olga Najera-Ramirez, Grant Pogson, Quentin Williams and Mary-Beth Harhen

Absent: Emily Honig and Karen Ottemann (with notice) and Kelvin Cen

Guests: EVC/CP Dave Kliger

Member Items

The SOE Dean Search Committee has three candidates coming to campus in mid February. Two of the candidates are from the UC system and the third is from out of state. The TIM Chair Search Committee has almost 40 applicants and is currently working to narrow the pool to six or seven and eventually three or four for campus visits. CPB will reiterate in its TIM Ph.D. proposal letter that strong leadership is essential for the program.

Quentin Williams reported that discussion at the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology closure meeting included the need for a strategic plan and the leadership succession. The review committee stated firmly that the next external review must not be delayed.

Grant Pogson reported on the Anthropology closure meeting. Space constraints, including building delays, are hindering the growth of the some areas. The dean plans to ask the review committee and the department to weigh in on a review of graduate program and produce a document which will be added to the review packet.

Writing External Review Discussion

The committee discussed a number of issues surrounding the Writing Program including where the program should be housed, funding and the whether or not there should be upper division writing instruction by professionals. The committee will work on a response to the review for the closure meeting.

Systemwide Senate Review of the Report of the University of California Joint Ad Hoc Committee on International Education

The committee reviewed the report on International Education which reported on the growth of the International Education's central office in Santa Barbara, and the value an international experience brings to students. CPB felt that the report is a series of budget proposals and does not focus on how the education delivery or how the proposed program changes will affect individual campuses. The committee feels this issue is not just a budgetary problem but a structural question of how a series of academic programs can be thought about coherently. Third party administrators have muddied the situation. CPB has a number of questions such as the level of quality of the teaching in other countries and the direct effect of the changes to UCSC.

Budget Carry Forwards

The committee reviewed the carry forward information provided by the Office of Planning and Budget and determined a number of questions to ask VC Michaels which will help provide a context for the information.

Consultation with EVC Kliger

The consultation began with a discussion on the carry forward information. The committee and VC Michaels discussed the lack of clarity regarding the academic support unit numbers. It was determined that a CPB sub committee will meet with VC Michaels and members of her staff to determine the additional information CPB needs to review and comment on the carry forwards in the academic support units.

Next the EVC discussed the state budget cuts. Currently there is a lot of uncertainty and assumptions but the EVC feels there needs to be a discussion about principles for taking the cuts. The EVC cited examples such as across the board budget cuts versus maintaining previous commitments. VC Michaels pointed out that there will be some decisions that are not within the campuses purview. There was a brief discussion about faculty salary increases and the administration is still trying to figure out how to address that issue.

The EVC also discussed possible enrollment strategies such as capping frosh to the same targets as last year and targeting increases for transfer and graduate students. This will allow some new resources but won't add to the faculty workload as much as adding more frosh would. The EVC reported that the campus is up in the number of graduate applications.

Responding to a question about strategic senior hires the EVC said the hires have to be someone who will enhance a program and attract others to the program. The EVC may provide upgrade funds and additional start up if he has to but he does not want to set the tone of the hires with that information.

The committee asked the EVC his opinion on international education and the EVC said he likes the idea of more funding coming to campuses but questions whether or not the program supports student's needs. The campus should think about how it can get more summer EAP enrollments.

Academic Program Oversight Change

CPB recommend that CPB needs to review any program changes with resource implications. Also, CPB would like to change the dean portion of the document to reflect all relevant deans instead of a singular dean.

Proposal for M.S. and Ph.D. Programs in Technology and Information Management (TIM)

After reviewing the proposal CPB developed a number of questions about the impact on the undergraduate program, the number of students involved in telecasting and clarification of the four year curriculum and leave plan.