CAMPUS OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ  ACADEMIC SENATE

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of November 6, 2008

Present:  Chair Susan Gillman, Gildas Hamel, Lori Kletzer, Herbie Lee, David Marriott, Piero Madau, Cindy Pease-Alvarez, Grant Pogson, Quentin Williams, Kevin Schlaufman and Mary-Beth Harhen

Absent:  Amy Beal (with notice)

Guests:  CPEVC Dave Kliger, VC Meredith Michaels, VC Tom Vani

Members Items
CPB discussed 2009-10 enrollment planning. The principle question is how many frosh to accept. The numbers the administration is currently using for a frosh starting point are 3500 and 3700 for next year.

The university as a whole is going to sustain a greater budget cut than initially thought. When the 2008-09 budget was created there was 98.5 million cut for the university, which was later restored. Now an additional $33.3 million has been again levied against the university. The campus share is about $2 million. There is going to be a legislative special session, and deep cuts for the whole educational system are predicted. The question then comes up if there will be a mid year fee increase for students, this is a complicated question that is currently being discussed.

External Review Discussion

Literature
CPB endorsed the dean’s letter. There is a major governance issues in the department. CPB questions whether the department deserves the resources to maintain its luster and noted that resources in the department need to be carefully monitored. CPB added that good governance procedures need to be followed, and along with better communication and transparency.

History of Consciousness
CPB commented that the department’s under graduate curriculum planning is very straightforward. Questions CPB had concern graduate program development. In a division that is trying to increase graduate programs, what does it mean for History of Consciousness that they are not developing graduate programs?

Information Systems Management (ISM)
CPB noted that the faculty includes three junior faculty and one senior faculty, and it seems an adjunct professor is doing a large share of the teaching. CPB also discussed ISM’s ties to a potential School of Management. If ISM had a dynamic leader the program could move back to being a nucleus. The current management makes ISM becoming a major campus initiative unfeasible.

Pre Consultation
CPB discussed its upcoming consultation with Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative Services (BAS) Tom Vani. The committee would like to have a broad discussion with the VC about how the unit is organized. CPB would like to know more about certain function within BAS that of managed well, campus unit deficits is an example. CPB would also like to learn more about the consultation process for making cuts in BAS and how VC Vani stays aligned with the core campus mission.

Consultation with EVC Kliger
The EVC provided the committee with a recruitment update. He met with the divisional deans, and there was a lot of discussion about the potential campus themes. The deans will continue to meet and come up with themes that make sense for all the divisions and the campus as a whole. The deans and EVC will keep CPB informed while they develop the ideas. Once the EVC has more clarity on the themes, he will send a revised letter to CPB for it to review and comment on. The EVC added that the themes will be built around the academic plans the deans have already established.

Next the committee and the EVC discussed 2009-10 enrollment planning. The EVC provided CPB with a chart of enrollments for the past few years, and charts of what campuses said they would do about enrollments in the coming year if enrollments get funded and if they don’t get funded. Just about every campus, with the exception of Merced, said they will not take new students if they don’t get funded. President Yudof has publicly stated that UC will take new students, and while the chancellors have voiced agreement, all the EVCs strongly disagree. Currently UCSC has 575 students it does not receive funding for.

The EVC said a mid year budget cut announcement is expected soon, and the cuts will likely be around $65 million. In the past the EVC has said that if there are mid year cuts he would take them from the center, but the cuts may be so large he may not be able to.

The governor has proposed a stimulus package that will provide $250 million to UC for capital projects. The projects have to have been previously approved and ready to break ground. UCSC has storm water and electrical work and Long Marine Lab infrastructure that would qualify. It is about $11 million that the campus funds would otherwise have to cover.

Consultation with Vice Chancellor Business and Administrative Services Tom Vani
VC Vani began by saying that he believes Business and Administrative Services (BAS) should be considered integral to the academic and research missions of the campus. He feels it is flawed to protect academic units, but not academic support units. VC Vani then provided background on all the units within BAS. He said that the vast majority of BAS programs are mandatory, not discretionary.

CPB asked when BAS has to make reductions in services how they calculate its affect on instruction and research and what is the consultation process. VC Vani responded that BAS prepares budget documents and have extensive discussions with the EVC and Planning and Budget. He added that for the last two years they have been doing triage,
but not setting priorities. VC Vani said he looks to other campuses for examples of efficiency. The more BAS can automate the better it is for everyone.