

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
Meeting of November 20, 2008

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

Absent: None

Guests: CPEVC Dave Kliger, Assistant Vice Chancellor Karen Eckert, Assistant Director Free Moini, and Special Assistant Galen Jarvinen

Members Items

Chair Gillman reported on the UCPB meeting. UCPB crafted a resolution protesting the capital funding model, which is now on the counsel agenda. Chair Gillman also reported that the Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP) chair asked CPB to form a joint subcommittee to work on any recommendations for implementation of the faculty salary task force plan. CPB member Lee volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

The Committee on Faculty Welfare (CFW) asked CPB to sponsor a joint subcommittee on childcare. The CFW chair would like a full scale review of childcare as a unit, similar to an external review. Last year's CFW produced a report on childcare with a vision statement that linked childcare to the Education department. The report put forward notions of refocusing childcare under the guise of early childhood education. CPB discussed the issue and it is the committee's understanding that a master plan for childcare on campus is forthcoming. CPB is concerned about small groups doing assessments, and the random proliferation of subcommittees doing reports. CPB Chair Gillman will request a formal proposal from CFW, where there is a strong explanation of the overall framework in relation to other childcare reports.

External Review Discussion

Ocean Sciences

Committee members suggested a minor edit, and then approved the letter.

Computer Engineering

In general the committee found the external review position, but noted that most of the recommendations are not within control of the department. The committee also found it problematic that the dean and department chair letters disagree with the review. CPB will consider recommending senior hires that do more research in the future. Also, CPB discussed possibility of merging Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Computer Science. CPB believes the external review committee did a good job of creatively thinking about a solution.

Math

CPB noted that Math is a much healthier department than they were in the past. The decades long interpersonal strife seems to have subsided and the department seems to have stabilized their curriculum. The principle issue mentioned in the review is the

staffing of the department. The external review makes the point that the current department has 15 to 16 FTE, which they think is too small for a campus of UCSC's size. CPB wonders about the optimal build out size of the department and the integrated mathematics planning for the campus. There are curricular demands that are campus wide, but the campus may not be at the point where it knows the optimal distribution. CPB feels there needs to be some level of integrated math planning on campus, and there needs to be an understanding what the best distribution between math and applied math is. The review also raises graduate student issues, and the high presence of international graduate students versus domestic graduate students. The department needs to work on its funding packages for domestic graduate students.

Enrollment Scenario and Faculty Recruitment Letter Discussion

The committee discussed 2009-10 enrollments of either 3500 or 3700. The campus is receiving less marginal funding, and feels that 3700 is far too many students. The committee does not want to overreact and go below 3500. CPB does have questions about the graduate numbers, as there has not been an explanation of those numbers. CPB will recommend the 3500, and ask for more information on the graduate numbers.

CPB approved the faculty recruitment letter, but expressed concern over the compressed timeframe.

Consultation with EVC Kliger and Planning and Budget

Planning and Budget Vice Chancellor Eckert went over the charts that were provided with CPB to aid in their faculty salary recommendation discussion. CPB and VC Eckert discussed the details of the charts, and VC Eckert provided insight on a number of items. After much discussion CPB asked the EVC for a number of trade off scenarios the committee can review, and then make recommendations on.

CPB and the EVC discussed the short term faculty salary task force recommendations, and the EVC expressed concern that any salary increase would be viewed negatively by the UC system during this time of budget cuts. The EVC stated that it will be a long time before the campus knows what the budget will be, but the campus needs to decide on the principles fairly soon.

CPB does not want to collapse the budget situation with the faculty salary recommendations. CPB believes the recommendations from the Faculty Salary Task Force are in accord with the chancellors previously stated priority of recruiting and retaining excellent faculty.

Systemwide Senate Review of the Business Plan for the Education Abroad Program (EAP)

The committee found the plan to be less of a proposal, but more of a presentation. CPB would like to know the administrative cuts that have been made, and a profile of the last five years of local administrative expenses. CPB would also like to see an increase in student funding, and decreases of expenses at the study center.