

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET  
MINUTES  
February 11, 2016**

**Present:** Abel Rodriguez (Chair), Don Brenneis (ex officio), Ólöf Einarsdóttir (*ex officio*), Adrian Brasoveanu, Cormac Flanagan, Loisa Nygaard, Rick Prelinger, Danilyn Rutherford, Bruce Schumm, Marilyn Walker, Jin Zhang, Hannah Tuong (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Whitney De Vos (Graduate Rep), Guillermo Rogel (Undergraduate Rep),

**Member's Items**

Chair Rodriguez and member Prelinger attended a recent Dean's Advisory Council meeting in which capital planning was a topic of discussion. They reported that a basic orientation of the projects was provided.

Member Einarsdóttir reported on the Student Success group. She reported on the recently acquired advising software.

Member Schumm will begin attending Kresge Building Subcommittee meetings as a committee representative.

**Council of Provosts Core Proposal**

The committee concluded its deliberation of the Council of Provosts proposal for revising college core courses. The committee noted its appreciation to the Council of Provosts for putting together a thoughtful pre-proposal. The committee forecast that making a recommendation on a future final proposal will require careful balancing of pedagogical and financial considerations. Financial considerations include direct costs of running the program but also indirect costs associated with student retention and time to degree. The committee commented on numerous advantages to the modified (Model B'), which the committee noted was also the preferred model for the Committee on Educational Policy. The committee also made several recommendations for the Council of Provosts and CEP to consider as the conversation on this issue moves forward, including in the areas of implications for student retention and student success of models that require all first term frosh to take a workload above 15 credits, class sizes, engaging in consultation with the Vice Provost for Student Success as the proposal is finalized, how resources to support writing are allocated between the VPDUE and the Writing Program, and the possibility of utilizing Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) in course instruction.

**FTE Recruitment Requests 2016-17**

The committee reviewed requests and prepared for its upcoming consultation with Humanities Dean Stovall.

**FTE Consultation: PSci**

The committee consulted with Physical and Biological Sciences Dean Paul Koch on the division's 2016-17 FTE recruitment requests.

**FTE Consultation: BSOE**

The committee consulted with Baskin School of Engineering Interim Dean Konopelski and incoming Dean Wolf on the School's 2016-17 FTE recruitment requests. Assistant Dean Maureen McLean was also present.

**Planning: February 18 Meeting**

The committee briefly discussed planned items for the next meeting.