Committee on Planning and Budget
Minutes
January 12, 2017

Present: Abel Rodriguez (Chair), Óløf Einarsdóttir (ex officio), Kimberly Lau (ex officio), Elizabeth Abrams, Adrian Brasoveanu, Cormac Flanagan, Lindsay Hinck, Tracy Larrabee, Lourdes Martínez-Echazábal, Rick Prelinger, Carl Walsh, Graeme Baird (Graduate Rep), Tias Webster (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Allyson Guo (Undergrad Rep)

Members Items
Chair Rodriguez welcomed new undergraduate representative Jeffrey “Tias” Webster, who is replacing fall undergraduate representative Ray Inoue.

Chair Rodriguez provided an update on the systemwide UCPB meeting of January 7, 2017. He reported that topics of discussion included the proposed nonresident cap, updates on the budget, and the UC framework for growth. More details on the latter will follow.

Chair Einarsdóttir provided an update on the December 2016 Academic Council meeting, which she reported included the proposed nonresident enrollment cap, and tuition increase as topics for discussion.

Members briefly discussed the status of pending committee business.

Consent Agenda
Minutes (11/03/16; 11/10/16; 11/17/16; 12/1/16; 12/8/16) were removed from the consent agenda for online review, on member request for additional time.

Closure Meeting Briefings
Committee representatives provided a summary of external review closure meetings attended. These included Film and Digital Media, Digital Arts and New Media, and Sociology.

President’s Postdoctoral Fellows Hire Request: Social Sciences
The Social Sciences Division requested authorization for an off-cycle recruitment for the hire of a Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow. The committee reviewed the request and will forward its recommendation to the Interim CP/EVC.

BSOE: Request for Additional Silicon Valley FTE
Interim CP/EVC Lee requested committee review of a proposal from the Baskin School of Engineering for additional Silicon Valley faculty FTE for Computational Media. The committee reviewed the proposal, which requests an additional three FTE in addition to the three that have been allocated by the CP/EVC. The committee noted a main issue is balancing the need to, on the one hand, have successful “off-site” programs (which depends on their being adequately resourced and financially self sustainable), and on the other hand, to have appropriate accountability, both for the resources that will be invested and for the process by which the programs which the programs were chosen for funding.

Members deliberated the request for additional FTE for the proposed programs in Serious Games, Games and Playable Media, and Human Computer Interaction, and will provide its recommendations to the CP/EVC.
2017-18 Faculty FTE Call Review
The committee reviewed the EVC’s 2017-18 FTE call to the divisions. Chair Rodriguez provided an overview of the CPB review and input process and the changes to this year’s call. Members planned their approach for review of this year’s requests and upcoming decanal consultations. Divisional requests are expected on January 17, with first committee review scheduled for January 26.

Consultation: iCP/EVC & VCPB
The committee consulted with iCP/EVC Lee and VCPB Delaney. IRAPS Director Fernald, Academic Planning Analyst Brondarbit, and EVC Chief of Staff Rhoads attended the consultation. VCPB Delaney presented her annual overview on faculty FTE. This presentation includes a summary and trends report on faculty recruitments and separations, history of filled and unfilled faculty provisions, faculty resources, and proposed actions for the coming year. The consultation also included discussion of academic metrics, which included data provided by Chair Rodriguez.

Revised Proposal: Environmental Art & Social Practice M.F.A.
The committee reviewed the revised proposal for an M.F.A. in Environmental Art and Social Practice. The program is proposed by the Art department. CPB provides its response to Graduate Council.

CPB noted its strong support for what it agreed was a well-considered proposal, and praised that it represents a good strategic move for the Arts Division. The committee further noted the proposed program has great potential to become a signature M.F.A. for the field, and a milestone for the campus. The committee also raised a number of questions and issues, including in the following areas: budget and space, planned TAships, curriculum and leave plan (CLP).

Planning: January 19 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed planned items for its next meeting.