Present: Abel Rodriguez (Chair), Ólőf 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), Allyson Guo (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Tias Webster (Undergrad Rep),

Members Items
The Senate Executive Committee met on January 17, 2017. Topics of discussion included the campus special salary practice, the proposed TA allocations for graduate enrollments proposal, and summer salary compensation changes. SEC consulted with campus Chief of Police Nader Oweis.

Member Einarsdóttir updated the committee on the systemwide Academic Council meeting of January 18, 2017. A main topic of discussion was nonresident enrollment.

Member Larrabee provided updates on the Advisory Committee on Campus Planning and Stewardship (CPS) and the Academic Space Plan (ASP) Task Force. Member Larrabee reported that the topics of discussion at CPS included discussion of GFF funds and public private partnerships. The ASP meeting included discussion of space allocation at the Delaware site. The committee debriefed the topics.

External Reviews
Stage 2: Comments on ERC Report
Biomolecular Engineering
The committee reviewed and discussed the Biomolecular Engineering (BME) department external review. CPB noted the quality and thoroughness of both the departmental self-study and the external review, which made the research accomplishments of the department very clear. The committee commented on several issues highlighted in the review, including cross-divisional relationships between BME and other departments in PBSci, undergraduate concentrations, and faculty mentorship.

Teaching Assistant Allocations for Graduate Enrollments Proposal
The committee reviewed interim CP/EVC Lee’s request for Senate feedback on his proposal to include graduate enrollments in Teaching Assistant allocations. Members considered the proposal and the possible sources of funding outlined in the request. The committee deliberated the request, and noted the need for additional information to help the committee fully deliberate its recommendations.

Consultation: CP/EVC
The committee consulted with Interim CP/EVC Herbie Lee. Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget Peggy Delaney and Chief of Staff to the CP/EVC Linda Rhoads attended the consultation.

Topics of conversation included the BSOE request for additional Silicon Valley FTE for Computational Media and the proposal for teaching assistant allocations for graduate enrollments.

The committee raised a couple of additional topics. The committee noted that it its FTE review timeline as may be impacted by the irregular arrival of the FTE requests from the divisional deans. The committee also
inquired about the feedback from the Vice Provosts on the FTE requests, and specifically, whether this feedback will be, as anticipated, in writing this year. Interim CP/EVC Lee noted that the Vice Provosts feedback is an internal briefing that informs his decision process, but there is no “consultation” per se and there will be no formal recommendations letter from this group. He also noted he is committed to talking with CPB about how he makes decisions, and if in that context, it is important to address the Vice Provost recommendations, he will discuss these then with the committee.

The committee also briefly discussed with Interim CP/EVC Lee how the committee can most productively engage in conversations regarding capital planning, and specifically planning for off campus research and faculty space. All agreed to keep the lines of communication open on these issues and bring this back to a future consultation.

**Special Salary Practice Proposal**
The CP/EVC requested Senate review and comment on two options for proposed changes to the UCSC special salary program (merit boost program), based on findings of the Academic Personnel Office (APO) Annual Report of Faculty Salary Competitiveness (November 2016). Members reviewed the proposed changes and raised additional questions, including about cost, before deciding to bring this issue back for discussion at the next meeting.

**FTE Consultation Preparation**
The committee discussed the upcoming consultation with Humanities Dean Tyler Stovall on his division’s 2017-18 FTE request, and prepared questions for the pre-consultation memo.

**Planning: January 26 Meeting**
The committee briefly discussed planned items for its next meeting.