

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET  
MINUTES  
May 18, 2017**

**Present:** Abel Rodriguez (Chair), Kimberly Lau (*ex officio*), Ólöf Einarsdóttir (*ex officio*), Adrian Brasoveanu, Cormac Flanagan, Lindsay Hinck, Lourdes Martínez-Echazábal, Rick Prelinger, Carl Walsh, Graeme Baird (Graduate Rep), Allyson Guo (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Elizabeth Abrams, Tracy Larrabee, Tias Webster (Undergrad Rep),

**Member's Items**

Chair Rodriguez announced the upcoming Senate meeting (May 19) and COC Social (May 25). He also noted that member Walsh is the faculty research lecturer next year.

Member Prelinger and Martinez-Echazábal reported that there was a meeting of the Bookstore Committee this week, and the group is developing creative options.

The committee briefly discussed the upcoming consultation with VCBAS Latham on public private partnerships.

Senate Chair Einarsdóttir provided an update on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting of May 16. She summarized topics of discussion, which included the recent student protests and a consultation with Vice Provost of Student Success Padgett on the Slug Success Software and predictive analytics.

**Proposal for M.S. and Ph.D. in Statistical Science**

With Chair Rodriguez and member Larrabee recused, the committee reviewed a proposal to establish an M.S. and Ph.D. degree program in Statistical Science. The proposal is for an independent graduate program that grows out of the Statistics track of the existing Statistics and Applied Mathematics program, and proposed to be housed in the Applied Mathematics and Statistics Department and administered by the Statistics program faculty. CPB will provide its response to Graduate Council.

CPB applauded the program faculty for its excellent proposal. Members noted that the rationale for the program, its intellectual focus, and its distinctiveness were clearly articulated. Resources implications were clearly discussed and potential issues addressed.

CPB discussed the letters from the AMS Chair and BSOE Dean, which raised concerns regarding the impact of the new program on the applied math track of the existing AMS graduate program and on the allocation of block and TAS funds between the proposed Statistical Science program and the Applied Math track of the existing program. Members agreed that the administrative issues need to be resolved to ensure the success of both programs, however assessing the implications for the applied math track, developing a financial analysis of resource implications and resolving issues in transitioning to a new structure lie within the responsibilities of the BSOE Dean. CPB further noted that it does not see administrative issues as reasons to hold up the Statistical Science proposal. CPB also commented that as the BSOE Dean considers the appropriate governance structure to allow both programs to flourish, it will be important to develop achievable targets for graduate enrollments per FTE and total enrollment projections that are consistent with projected faculty numbers in each group (statistics and applied math).

**Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar Hire Request**

The Arts Division requested authorization for an off-cycle recruitment for the hire of a Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow in the Music department. The committee reviewed the request and will forward its recommendation to the interim CP/EVC.

**Consultation: VCPB**

The committee consulted with Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget (VCPB) Delaney on the campus budget. VCPB Delaney provided two slide decks in advance of the consultation (campus budget forecast and a 2016 presentation to the Regents). Specific areas of member interest included operating budget challenges and scenarios and top priorities in the coming year.

**Core and Writing Proposals**

With member Abrams recused, the committee continued review of the proposals from the Council of Provosts for revision of the Core curriculum and from the Writing Program for revision of the Entry Level Writing Requirement, composition general education requirement, and multilingual curriculum.

**Planning: May 25 Meeting**

The committee briefly discussed planned items for the next meeting.