

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
May 25, 2017**

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

Absent: Allyson Guo (Undergrad Rep), Tias Webster (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director)

Member's Items

Chair Rodriguez encouraged members to attend today's COC Social.

CPB member Walsh reported on the Kresge building committee of May 22. He reported that size of the large capacity classroom/lecture hall was discussed.

Senate Chair Einarsdóttir provided an update on the Academic Council meeting of May 24. She summarized topics of discussion, which included the University budget and frosh-to-transfer ratios.

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.

Consultation: CEP Chair

The committee consulted with the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) Chair Tamkun on CEP's review of the Core and Writing proposals.

Target of Excellence Waiver of Open Recruitment Request: Social Sciences

The Latin American and Latino Studies department in the Social Sciences Division submitted a request for a waiver of open recruitment in order to propose a Target of Excellence (TOE) appointment. With member Martínez-Echazábal recused, the committee reviewed the request and will forward its recommendation to the iCP/EVC.

Spousal/Partner Waiver of Open Recruitment Request: PBSci

The Ocean Sciences department in the Physical and Biological Sciences Division submitted a request for a waiver of open recruitment in order to pursue a Spousal/Partner appointment. The committee reviewed the request and will forward its recommendation to the iCP/EVC.

Proposal to Discontinue the Social Documentation M.A. Program

The committee reviewed the request to discontinue the Social Documentation M.A. program, which was set in motion by the program faculty after the approval of the new Social Documentation M.F.A., and intended to replace the existing M.A. program. Purview for the decision of graduate program discontinuance not motivated by fiscal considerations rests with GC, in consultation with CPB and CEP. CPB's comments will be forwarded to Graduate Council. CPB noted its support for the request and will submit its recommendation to GC.

Campus Pedestrian Plan

The committee reviewed a draft of the campus Pedestrian Plan, intended to serve as a vision for improving pedestrian conditions and encouraging walking as a sustainable transportation mode.

While CPB noted its commitment to both the development of sustainable modes of transportation for the campus community and the improvement of campus life, members agreed that the many positive recommendations in the plan were weakened by its emphasis on generalities. Members also remarked on the absence of detail regarding implementation, timeline and funding.

CPB agreed that campus planners should make it an objective to improve conditions for pedestrians and encourage walking as a sustainable transportation mode. Members also noted that, in an environment of limited resources, these efforts should more properly be implemented as part of the larger process of revising the campus LRDP that has now begun. Members recalled that previous LRDPs contained multiple and unimplemented recommendations regarding campus transportation, and expressed hope that the urgency of complying with ADA requirements for pedestrians will move planning for walkers to a high priority.

Consultation: VCBAS Latham

The committee consulted with VCBAS Latham on the topic of public private partnerships (P3), how campus strategic planning might inform and benefit the mission of BAS, and on VCBAS Latham's request, an orientation to the work of the RFP development committee for the Student Housing West project, along with a request for CPB representation on that committee.

Planning: June 1 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed planned items for the next meeting.