COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET MINUTES June 1, 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), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Allyson Guo (Undergrad Rep), Tias Webster (Undergrad Rep),

Member's Items

Members discussed the possibility of commenting on the Granary/Stone House building planning. The committee agreed to review at its next meeting.

Members briefly discussed the Library forum, which took place on May 31.

Off-Cycle Recruitment Request: Social Sciences

The Social Sciences Division submitted a request for authorization for an open recruitment at the senior level using a divisionally held FTE for the Economics department. The committee reviewed the request.

Pre-Consultation Discussion: Incoming CP/EVC Tromp

The committee finalized topics for its upcoming consultation (6/18/17) with incoming CP/EVC Tromp and outgoing interim CP/EVC Lee.

Institute for Marine Sciences: ORU Review

The Office of Research (OR) is conducting a review of the Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS), an organized research unit (ORU). ORU's review process is adapted from the VPAA's program review process. A closure meeting is expected to be scheduled during the summer.

The committee expressed appreciation for its involvement (albeit late in the process) with this review, especially given that Organized Research Units (ORUs) such as IMS and other institutes (e.g., Genomics Institute) appear to be an important and growing organizational structure on campus. As centers of instrumentation and graduate training, they represent a significant part of the campus landscape. Yet, members noted this is the first time CPB has been involved in such an ORU review, at the very end of the process. The committee recommends that in the future, the important job of reviewing this and other ORUs on campus should be the responsibility of a much larger group of Senate and non-Senate stakeholders. CPB noted that the Senate Committee on Research (COR) also raised this point concerning the review process. Members also noted that Senate can provide most constructive consultation when involved early in the process, as is the case in the review of academic departments.

Members also noted the extraordinary role of Dr. Griggs in building the IMS over the last 2.5 decades, from a group of scientists requiring a similar infrastructure to a large entity with a powerful capacity to obtain grants, raise significant funds from donors, and leverage resources. Members also noted the external review committee did an excellent job of constructively outlining the strengths and weaknesses of the units. CPB finally noted a few issues for discussion at the closure meeting, including in the following areas: the upcoming transition in leadership, role of this and ORU's generally on campus, and safety, staffing, and funding.

Core and Writing Proposals

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After lengthy deliberation, and with member Abrams recused, the committee finalized its review of the proposal from the Council of Provosts on the Core curriculum and from the Writing Program for revision of the Entry Level Writing Requirement, composition general education requirement, and multilingual curriculum. The committee will forward responses to the acting VPAA.

Planning: June 8 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed planned items for the next meeting.