

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
October 6, 2016**

Present: Abel Rodriguez (Chair), Ólöf Einarisdóttir (*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), Ray Inoue (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: None.

Member's Items

Chair Rodriguez provided an update on the systemwide UCPB meeting of October 4, 2016. He reported that the committee consulted with the Chief Financial Officer on how to fund increases to enrollments anticipated systemwide over the next few years and funding for capital projects. The committee also consulted with Provost Dorr who discussed guidelines for self-supporting graduate professional degree programs (SSGPDPs) and professional degree supplemental tuition (PDST) programs and discussion of classroom space.

Proposal to Change Games & Playable Media M.S. (PDST)

The committee reviewed the proposal to change the curriculum of the existing Games and Playable Media M.S. degree from a one-year program to a two-year program and PDST proposal, offered by the Computational Media department. CPB provides its response to Graduate Council.

CPB stated its support for the proposal, and explicitly noted that many of its concerns are similar to the concerns raised in the review of the Serious Games M.S. and PDST proposals, also proposed to be offered by the CM department, including concern with stated enrollment projections in the proposal, potential insufficient FTEs given the number and range of graduate and undergraduate programs CM is involved with, and concern with possible large enrollment courses and their impacts. The committee also highlighted the issue of involving Arts faculty in the program. Additional minor issues around hotel space, and clarity of the budget plan were also raised.

External Reviews

Stage 1 (Supplemental Questions)

Music

CPB discussed the upcoming review of the Music Department, and raised questions in the following areas for the external review committee to address: department size, resources, use of lecturers and the tenability of degree options offered; enrollment targets for undergraduate and graduate programs; and its funding model with the Arts Division.

Stage 2 (Comments on ERC Report for Closure Meeting)

Feminist Studies

The committee commented on the Feminist Studies external review report. The committee commended the department for the quality of the scholarship of the faculty and the contribution of the department to the university and the broader field. Several issues of concern were also raised for discussion at the closure meeting related to the graduate and undergraduate program, staffing, and climate issues.

Consultation: CP/EVC

The committee consulted with the CP/EVC, with VCPB Delaney in attendance. Topics included current review of Computational Media department proposals, SVE FTE investment plan (return on investments, identifying and backfilling deficits, and the balance between SV and campus programs), and the Centers of Excellence proposal. On the Centers of Excellence proposal, CP/EVC Galloway noted that she will share the proposal with the Senate once it is ready, as a previous version was not ready for circulation. CP/EVC Galloway also stated that the administration will seek Senate comments on the proposal, including an assessment that considers if it is worthy of investment. The committee rearticulated its interest in these issue of academic planning within the context of creating continuity to the EVC position and ensuring a sense of stability.

Post-Consultation Discussion

The committee noted that today's consultation highlights the need for a strategic plan, and the importance of laying the groundwork for such a process now as the EVC transition moves forward. One member raised the importance of a strategic plan for protecting research areas that are marginalized, traditional fields of study that are excellent on our campus. So that both entrepreneurial areas and traditional areas have a place.

Campus Budget Overview: Part II

Vice Chancellor of Planning and Budget Peggy Delaney provided the second of two planned campus budget overview presentations. Topics reviewed included continued discussion of the campus operating budget, budget projection and anticipated shortfalls, and capital needs.

Pre-Consultation Planning: VPDGS

Planning: October 13 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed planned items for the next meeting.