COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
January 25, 2018

Present: Carl Walsh (Chair), Ólóf Einarsdóttir (ex officio), Kimberly Lau (ex officio), Elizabeth Abrams, Doug Bonett, Matthew Clapham, Cormac Flanagan, Jonathan Kahana, Tracy Larrabee, Jie Qing, Nirvikar Singh, Dan Oliver (Graduate Rep), Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Matthew Mednick (Senate Director)

Members Items
Member Larrabee provided an update on the Classroom Subcommittee Meeting of January 23, 2018. She reported that at the meeting it appeared that the decision on the large lecture (600) classroom size had been settled, and that there is now more clarity on the total constellation of classroom sizes. Members discussed classroom size for the large lecture hall and also noted concern about the lack of medium size classrooms in any of the options.

Spousal/Partner Waiver of Open Recruitment: PBSci
The Physics Department in the Physical and Biological Sciences Division submitted a request for a waiver of open recruitment in order to propose a Spousal/Partner appointment. The committee considered the request and will communicate its decision in writing to CP/EVC Tromp.

Consultation: VCPB and CPSM Director
The committee consulted with Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget Peggy Delaney and Director of Capital Planning and Space Management Karen Smith for an overview of capital programs. Chair Walsh discussed the committee’s confidentiality policy.

VCPB Delaney provided an overview of capital programs, and focused discussion on the Capital Financial Plan (CFP). She noted that her office has plans to have a smaller subcommittee to think strategically about space use and capital programs, and that the larger Advisory Committee for Campus Planning and Stewardship (CPS) would still be maintained for other issues. Members raised questions around process and timeline for consultation on the CFP. VCPB Delaney noted that would come to the committee in April. Several related issues were discussed during the consultation, including the ongoing space survey for the campus, debt capacity models, and the specifics of capital programs planning.

One member raised that there should be a structural way that the committee could be involved in consulting and providing advice, as currently there is one representative from CPB to CPS (which itself does not constitute CPB consultation). VCPB Delaney stated plans for the potential restructuring of CPS into a more strategic body, and that the issues raised there could also be brought to CPB once per quarter.

Consultation: University Librarian
The committee consulted with University Librarian Elizabeth Cowell, Associate University Librarian John Bono, and Librarian Kerry Scott on library priorities, strategic directions, and space planning. CPB invited the Senate Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communications (COLASC) Horne to attend the consultation. Chair Walsh discussed the committee’s confidentiality policy. Librarian Cowell began with a discussion of the strategic directions document (provided to CPB ahead of the meeting). She noted that there was significant staff participation in creating those goals, and that the library is working on a revised mission, values, and goals statement. She also confirmed the Library would seek Senate input during this process. Members raised that the document appeared to not clearly articulate the interests of researchers,
and expressed concern this could potentially fall out. Librarian Cowell responded that when the whole package of information comes out, that will help to answer these questions. She also noted the Library is interfacing with researchers on preservation.

Other topics of discussion included the budget picture and recent cuts to staff positions. Librarian Cowell noted there will be continued consultation with COLASC on these issues. Members also discussed the impacts of cuts on other campuses, and how the UC might be able to leverage its size as a system in negotiating the various rising costs to its libraries. Regarding the issue of library subscriptions, Librarian Cowell clarified the process. Members noted the importance of consultation, and equally the importance of understanding the constraints and possibilities, as well as impacts on students. Librarian Cowell also noted that there should be acknowledgement of increased costs to the library that come from increased enrollments. Members asked if the Library has presented to the EVC the analysis of how our campus compares to other sister campus libraries, and recommended that the analysis be presented to the new CP/EVC.

**Planning February 1 Meeting**
The committee briefly discussed items for its next meeting.