

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
February 1, 2018**

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

Absent: Jie Qing

Members Items

Member Einarsdóttir provided an update on the Academic Council meeting of January 31, 2018. She reported that topics of discussion included the budget, the Huron Report, and the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP). She noted that the Council supports continuation of the PPFP.

Closure Meeting Debrief

Member Singh provided a brief summary of the Applied Mathematics and Statistic Department's external review closure meeting of January 30, 2018. Member Lau provided a brief summary of the Music Department's external review closure meeting of January 31, 2018.

2018-19 FTE Review

Members discussed review of the 2018-19 FTE requests. This was an anomalous cycle, with two submission points: 1) FTE proposals for divisionally held open provisions, and 2) Proposals for Competitive Target of Excellence FTE (expected mid-February). The committee reviewed the EVC's FTE call to the divisions. Chair Walsh led a discussion of the CPB review process and principles for review. Members also discussed upcoming decanal consultations.

FTE Consultation Preparation: Arts

The committee prepared for its upcoming consultation with Arts Dean Susan Solt, scheduled for February 15, 2018.

Debrief: Librarian Cowell Consultation

CPB debriefed its consultation with University Librarian Elizabeth Cowell (January 25, 2018). Members noted the upcoming Library forum scheduled for March 7, at which some of the issues discussed during the consultation will also be addressed.

Proposal to Discontinue Concentration

The committee reviewed the request to discontinue the Assistive Technology: Cognitive/Perceptual Concentration of the Bioengineering B.S. degree. While the committee found no fiscal resource issues to comment on, members were nonetheless concerned by the loss of cooperation between Psychology and Bioengineering, which CPB viewed as one example of the types of innovative cross-divisional and cross-departmental collaborations that the strategic academic planning process will uncover and facilitate. Given the campus interest in interdisciplinary intellectual areas, such as human computer interaction, and the potential for productive future collaborations, members wondered whether suspending the concentration might be a better option than discontinuance.

Consultation: CP/EVC

The committee consulted with CP/EVC Marlene Tromp and AVPAA Martin Berger on timeline for the committee's involvement with the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP) process, the role of metrics for

evaluating FTE requests in the SAP process and ensuring faculty participating in the planning process are well informed about the resource shape of the campus, and waiver of open recruitment requests. VCPB Delaney also attended the consultation.

AVPAA Berger provided a detailed outline of next steps in the SAP process, and areas where CPB feedback would especially be useful. He noted that he has been engaged with Senate Leadership from the start of the SAP process. He also emphasized that the culture of the campus is not top down, so he is really looking for campus constituents to make suggestions and help identify priority areas for investment. Ultimately, he noted, the Chancellor and EVC will decide on these areas, but the campus will have the opportunity to weigh in, and hopefully broad consensus will emerge about the areas.

Planning February 8 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed items for its next meeting.