

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
February 8, 2018**

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

Absent: Jonathan Kahana, Jie Qing, Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director)

Members Items

Chair Walsh provided an update on the systemwide UCPB meeting of February 6, 2018. He reported that topics of discussion included the recent Regents vote to postpone tuition increase, enrollment growth.

Senate Chair Einarsdóttir announced that she recently attended a CEP meeting to discuss the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP) process.

FTE Review

The committee continued its review of the divisional faculty FTE requests and prepared for its upcoming decanal consultations.

Consultation: CP/EVC and AVPAA

The committee consulted with CP/EVC Marlene Tromp and AVPAA Martin Berger, with CP/EVC Chief of Staff Linda Rhoads attending. The first part of the consultation focused on the Strategic Academic Planning (SAP) process. Several issues were raised during the discussion, including how undergraduate education fits into the academic plan, the process for evaluation of the themed academic working group proposals, and CPB input into the SAP process. Members also discussed cross-divisional collaborations, and how to encourage cooperation to promote these types of conversations, both in context of the SAP and more broadly. Members discussed with the EVC that CPB has earlier called for summits along these lines (for example, for the biological sciences and math).

Graduate Growth Initiatives Proposal

The Senate has been asked to review a set of three “graduate growth initiatives.” The proposals are bundled into one proposal and include: 1) Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) proposal: intended to increase doctoral support through the use of GSIs (particularly in disciplines with less access to extramural research support); 2) Centers of Excellence Proposal: provides seed funding and research development support, additionally proposes to generate support for doctoral students through GSRships; and 3) Teaching Assistant Support in Large Master’s Level Classes initiative. Due to time constraints, the committee reviewed one part of the proposal, Centers of Excellence, at today’s meeting. The committee’s review generated many questions, and it became clear that additional information would be helpful in facilitating evaluation of the proposal. The committee will send a list of questions to Vice Chancellor for Research Brandt, anticipating that the response will inform CPB’s full review of the proposal at a future meeting.

Biomolecular Engineering Concentration

CPB discussed the proposal from the Biomolecular Engineering Department to: 1) discontinue the Biomolecular Engineering concentration within the B.S. degree in Bioengineering, 2) change name of the B.S degree in Bioinformatics to a B.S. degree in Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics, and 3) have two concentrations within the renamed Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics B.S degree: Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics. CPB noted the proposal is supported by the Biomolecular

Engineering faculty and Dean Wolf, with no additional resources needed to implement the proposed changes. CPB supported all of the proposed changes.

Planning February 15 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed items for its next meeting.