

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET  
MINUTES  
March 8, 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, Jie Qing, Nirvikar Singh, Dan Oliver (Graduate Rep), Dylan Jones (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director) Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

**Absent:** Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep)

**Members Items**

Chair Walsh provided an update on the Library Budget Forum of March 7, 2018. He reported that the forum included a presentation on budget and the rationale for cuts focused on local purchases rather than systemwide purchases. The library is looking to trim \$200k. Other topics raised included the library funding model in relation to other UC libraries and costs of subscriptions.

Chair Walsh provided an update on the March 6, 2018 systemwide UCPB meeting. He reported that topics of discussion included the potential \$50M sequester of state funds and efforts to close the salary gap. UCPB also consulted with UC CFO Nathan Brostrom on cost drivers at the UC.

Member Singh provided an update on the Kresge Project Committee meeting of March 7, 2018. He reported that the meeting provided an overview of the project, and classroom configurations were discussed.

**Consultation: Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies**

The committee consulted with VPDGS Tyrus Miller, primarily on the external review for University Relations, and secondarily on questions related to the Graduate Growth Initiatives/GSI proposals currently under review by the Senate.

On the University Relations review, VPDGS Miller provided an informational overview of the context, purpose, and goals of the external review. VPDGS Miller also solicited CPB suggestions for the review at this early stage. CPB had a number of recommendations, including in the following areas: process of the review, relationship between University Relations and the Office of Research, staff turnover, and diversity and cultural competency. CPB plans to consult with VPDGS Miller again during spring quarter for an update on the review.

**Graduate Growth Initiatives: GSI Proposals**

CPB continued its review of the graduate growth initiatives proposal, which included 1) GSI Initiative (central funding of GSI benefits) intended to increase doctoral support through the use of GSIs, with the goal of mitigating financial disincentive to appoint GSIs that currently exists, and 2) TAships for Large Graduate Courses proposal. CPB expressed its overall support for the goals of reducing barriers that may prevent the hiring of students as GSIs, as well as reducing constraints on master's degree program growth in departments with high demand from additional students. On the proposal for central funding of GSI benefits, CPB raised that the net benefit to graduate programs depends on the funding source(s) used to meet the costs of the proposal, which were not identified in the proposal itself. If sources of funding were not new sources, a diversion of funds could have consequences in other areas.

On the proposal to provide TAships for large master's courses, CPB members expressed that this appeared to have fewer financial implications, and the allocation of 4 TA FTE (24 TA-ships) from central sources

seemed reasonable. Members wondered why new central resources were proposed to be allocated here, and not for the first proposal for GSI benefits.

**FTE Review**

The committee continued its review of the divisional faculty FTE requests and CTOE requests.

**Request for Input: SAP Resource Allocations**

CPB considered AVPAA Berger's request for Senate input on resource allocation under the strategic academic plan (SAP). CPB decided to review this request over two meetings, and began with a focus on AVPAA Berger's question asking for input on models for divisional faculty FTE "harvesting" to the center upon separation. Members reviewed this question in context of CPB's (April 2015) "Strategic Academic Planning." The committee will continue discussion at a future meeting.

**Planning March 15 Meeting**

The committee briefly discussed items for its next meeting.