

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
April 5, 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, Matthew Mednick (Senate Director) Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Dan Oliver (Graduate Rep), Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep), Dylan Jones (Undergrad Rep)

Proposal to Establish M.S. in Natural Language Processing (PDST)

With member Flanagan recused, CPB reviewed the interdisciplinary proposal (primarily involving Computer Science faculty) to establish a new M.S. program in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and its associated Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) proposal. CPB noted its general support for the program, and expressed that in concert with other recent proposals such as Human Computer Interaction (HCI), Serious Games (SG) and Games and Playable Media (GPM), an NLP M.S. program could contribute significantly to building UCSC's presence in Silicon Valley. CPB was keen to ensure that the program's chances for success were maximized, while also being attentive to the need to deploy scarce campus resources effectively. CPB also raised concerns in three areas: enrollment projections, space, and overall campus planning for Silicon Valley and also offered more detailed comments and suggestions related to design and implementation of the program. CPB will provide its comments on the proposal to Graduate Council.

Off-Cycle Second Hire Request

The Baskin School of Engineering requested authorization for an off-cycle recruitment for a second hire in the department of Computer Science. With member Flanagan recused, the committee reviewed the request. CPB will forward its recommendation to the CP/EVC.

Target of Excellence Waiver of Open Recruitment Request

The Environmental Studies Department in the Social Science Division submitted a request for a waiver of open recruitment in order to pursue a Target of Excellence appointment. The committee reviewed the request and will forward its recommendation to the CP/EVC.

Consultation: VCPB Delaney

The committee consulted with VCPB Delaney and CPSM Director Karen Smith on the capital projects prioritization process. Director Smith briefly outlined the expected review process, and stated that a new Capital Improvements Program subcommittee (CIP) has been formed out of CPS that is charged with prioritizing the new projects presented to CPS over the next two months and those already listed in the Capital Financial Plan (CFP). Members raised questions about the process, and how decisions to categorize them are made. Director Smith noted that CIP will review the prioritization guidelines and will create a structure for review. Members suggested creating a structure for review should be done before presenting to CIP. The Capital Financial Plan prioritization list will come to CPB later this quarter.

VCPB also provided some additional background on the space audit currently underway, including space in Silicon Valley.

Consultation: BSOE Associate Dean Rodriguez

The committee consulted with BSOE Associate Dean Abel Rodriguez, at his request, for a preliminary discussion of BSOE's plans for large-scale online masters programs that are self-supporting professional degree programs (SSGPDPs). The consultation was intended to be informational.

Planning April 12 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed items for its next meeting.