COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
May 24, 2018

Present: Carl Walsh (Chair), Ólölfi Einarsdóttir (ex officio), Kimberly Lau (ex officio), Elizabeth Abrams, Doug Bonett, Matthew Clapham, Tracy Larrabee, Jie Qing, Nirvikar Singh, Dan Oliver (Graduate Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Cormac Flanagan, Jonathan Kahana, Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep), Dylan Jones (Undergrad Rep)

Members Items
Member Singh reported that CPB’s subcommittee working with the Office of Planning and Budget (P&B subcommittee) met with Director of Budget and Resource Management Kimberly Register on the work her office is doing to provide data for CPB review. The work of the subcommittee will continue over the summer.

Consultation: VPDGS Miller
CPB consulted with Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies Tyrus Miller on the external review for University Relations (UR). This is the second consultation with VPDGS Miller on this topic this year. The first consultation was intended to provide an overview of the review. This consultation was intended as an informational briefing of the review underway. Members thanked VPDGS Miller for his work, in his role as Chair of the Campus Committee for External Review of University Relations, and in advocating for and securing a more involved role for that committee in the process. This included negotiating for the committee to have a role in reviewing and responding to the expected final report from consultants Marts & Lundy, which will then be presented to CP/EVC Tromp.

Members also raised additional recommendations and questions for Marts & Lundy to address, including in the areas of strategic vision in the context of the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP); current approaches of UR; balance of central and divisional staff in comparison to other campuses; balance of attention across UR multiple units; and UR effectiveness in “telling our story” as well as areas of strengths and areas for improvement. The committee expects to review the final report early in fall quarter.

Proposal on the Use of Data to Support Student Success
CPB reviewed the draft document from the Vice Provost for Student Success and the Office of Planning and Budget on “Data, Analytics, and Research for Student Success.” The document was intended to set out a vision and plan for use and sharing of data related to student success.

The committee appreciated the careful efforts toward classifying and prioritizing access to data contained in this draft document. Members noted these included classification of types of data, types of data analysis, and types of audiences and purposes for such data and analysis, and also a phased plan for prioritizing access to this information. CPB agreed the document also raised the important question of ethical use of this information and noted that Phase I (2018-19) included a plan to produce "clearly articulated policies, principles, and protocols for the use and sharing" of the data new and existing tools can make available.

CPB raised questions and comments for consideration as the plan for use and sharing of data is developed, including in the following areas: policies and principles, standardized and ad hoc reports, and course level data. The committee expects to continue consultation as tools, policies, and protocols are developed in the coming year.
Interim Report: Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics M.S.
CPB reviewed the three-year report for the Scientific Computing and Applied Mathematics (SciCAM) M.S program. CPB noted the progress of the program in its initial three years. Members raised that the documents reviewed show that start-up funds, which have been used in part toward student fellowships, have now been depleted, and there is concern about potential impacts on program enrollments. CPB expressed hope that the Dean will ensure the program is adequately supported, whatever the outcome of the BSOE reshaping process currently underway.

Planning May 31 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed items for its next meeting.