Chair’s Orientation to Committee Business
Chair Walsh provided a brief overview of how CPB conducts its business and member responsibilities. The committee reviewed the confidentiality agreement, member guidelines, and discussed recusal and consultation practices.

Committee Assignments/External Reviews
The committee reviewed and agreed to member assignments, including subcommittees, external reviews and committee representative assignments. Members also briefly discussed the committee’s role in the external review process, and member responsibilities during review.

Continuing Issues from 2016-17
Chair Walsh provided an overview of continuing issues for the committee to address this year, and included a discussion of FTE recruitment and use of metrics, core/writing, summer session, strategic academic planning, the Long Range Development Plan process, capacity planning (and issues of enrollment management and impaction), and Silicon Valley. New issues discussed included assessing how the rebenching process has worked in achieving campus objectives, start up packages in PBSci and Engineering, and the Negotiated Salary Trial Program.

One-Time Allocation for Housing Initiatives
The Senate reviewed a late breaking request from the administration seeking input to help identify investment priorities for a one-time allocation for housing initiatives. At their July 2017 meeting, the Regents approved reallocation of reserve funds, $27 million, for the Mortgage Origination Program (MOP) to fund student, faculty, and staff housing needs. Each campus will receive a one-time allocation of $3 million, and the funds can only be used for housing initiatives (can include housing assistance programs, development of housing related studies, and/or capital improvements related to housing). Members focused their recommendations on broad priorities and principles. With this limited information, the committee reviewed the request.

Members noted that the amount of the anticipated allocation for the campus is meager in relation to the housing concerns of faculty, students, and staff across the campus, and is therefore too small to make a significant impact at a strategic level or to solve urgent needs. The committee then pointed out that the funding originates from the Mortgage Origination Program (MOP), developed by UC to support the recruitment and retention of faculty. There remains great need, particularly with our area’s very high cost of living, to provide funds that will aid in the retention of faculty. However, the housing needs of our students in particular are at crisis levels, with food and housing insecurity a significant problem. Recognizing these competing needs, the sense of the committee was that the evaluation criteria should prioritize the significant housing needs of our student population.

Planning: October 12 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed planned items for its next meeting.