Committee on Planning and Budget
Minutes
October 19, 2017

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), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep)

Members Items
Member Larrabee provided an update on the Advisory Committee on Campus Planning and Stewardship (CPS) of October 17. She reported that the discussion centered on three topics: the Kresge Project and classroom size, an update on Student Housing West, and the Capital Planning priority list.

The committee also received a late list of proposals for the one-time allocation of $3 million to fund student, faculty, and staff housing needs. CPB previously (October 6, 2017) responded to the administration’s late request to comment on the criteria used for evaluating the proposals. While the request did not constitute a formal Senate consultation (the request came to the Academic Senate chair, who decided to consult CPB), the committee discussed the list of potential proposals and will provide a summary of this discussion to the administrative group leading this effort.

Spousal/Partner Waiver of Open Recruitment Request
The Astronomy & Astrophysics Department in the Physical and Biological Sciences Division submitted a request for a waiver of open recruitment in order to propose a Spousal/Partner appointment. The committee considered the request and will communicate its decision in writing to CP/EVC Tromp.

Campus Budget Overview: Part I (Rescheduled)
VCPB Delaney presented the first of two planned campus budget overview presentations to the committee. Topics reviewed included campus programs and degrees, basic budget terminology and concepts, overview of the UC system budget, and UCSC budget basics.

Consultation: CP/EVC
The committee consulted with CP/EVC Tromp. Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget (VCPB) Delaney and CP/EVC Chief of Staff Linda Rhoads also attended the consultation. Topics of consultation included strategic planning updates, Academic Analytics, and status/plans for the 2018-19 FTE call.

CP/EVC Tromp provided an update on the planning, process, and timeline for the campus Strategic Academic Plan (SAP). She noted that a consultant has been selected to work with the campus, and the process should be complete by the end of the academic year. The discussion of Academic Analytics (AA) focused on how the campus might use the data, as well as limitations and positive aspects of its use. CP/EVC Tromp then updated the committee on the upcoming 2018-19 FTE call, noting there will be a limited number of new FTE available in 2018-19. The committee discussed timeline and process. CP/EVC Tromp also emphasized that CPB is a key advisory group to her and it is important for the committee to have the information needed to provide the best advice. She invited the committee to help identify what information the committee needs.

Academic Programs and Units (APU) Review
CPB reviewed the VPAA’s updated “Academic Programs and Units: Policy and Procedures Governing Establishment, Disestablishment, and Change” (APU). CPB had no substantive comments on the revisions.

Pre-Consultation Discussion
The committee prepared for its upcoming consultation (November 2, 2017) with Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Richard Hughey and Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Michelle Whittingham.

With Chair Walsh and member Singh recused, the Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the proposal to renew the existing Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) plan for the Economics department’s Master’s degree program in Applied Economics and Finance (APEF). The committee found the plan to be reasonable and justified and in line with Regents Policy on PDST programs and with the educational goals of the program, and expressed its support for the PDST plan renewal. Members did raise additional issues that they would have liked to follow up on, but did not given the near deadline for the renewal, including the following areas: improving professional development and job placement services to students, and coverage of additional faculty leaves. CPB also noted more information would have been helpful on two substantive areas: program collection of student feedback on changes to the program and fee schedule and reflection on the significant downward trend in admissions of underrepresented minorities.

Planning: October 26 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed planned items for its next meeting.