

**COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
December 7, 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), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Maxine Jimenez (Undergrad Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director),

Members Items

The committee debriefed the Senate Meeting of December 1, which included a presentation from the Committee on Faculty Welfare on its faculty salary analysis, Academic Literacy Curriculum related amendments to Senate Regulations, and a report from the Committee on Teaching on online course evaluations.

Senate Chair Einarsdóttir provided an update on the Senate Executive Committee meeting of December 5. She reported on a consultation with Entangled Solutions on the strategic academic planning process.

Chair Walsh provided an update on the systemwide UCPB meeting of December 5. He reported that topics of discussion included self-supporting programs.

Chair Walsh provided an update on his consultation with the Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC). COLASC was interested in learning more about how/if CPB had been consulted on the Library's recent announced plans related to future cancellation of library subscriptions.

Revised Proposal to Establish M.S. in Human Computer Interaction (PDST)

CPB reviewed the revised proposal from Computational Media (CM) to establish a new M.S. program in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and its associated Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) proposal. CPB commented that this is an exciting program, important for building UCSC's presence in Silicon Valley, and expressed that it was anxious to ensure that the program's chances for success are maximized while also ensuring that campus resources are employed effectively. Members appreciated the efforts of the CM faculty to address issues raised in Graduate Council's (GC) initial review. However, CPB continued to raise concerns related to some of the points raised with regard to the initial proposal, particularly in areas related to program cost in relation to student/faculty FTE, proposal articulation of student demand, and synergies with other campus programs, most urgently, Psychology.

Strategic Academic Planning Request for Input

CPB reviewed IAVPAA Berger's request for Senate input to augment data collection for the Strategic Academic Planning process, specifically on the following two aspects: 1) pinpointing internal structural barriers to research and teaching, and 2) identifying strategies for resource generation. Members discussed the request, and decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Consultation: CP/EVC

The committee consulted with CP/EVC Marlene 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 an update on the strategic academic planning (SAP) process and discussion of plans for a campus budget review. VCPB Delaney stated the administration is not doing a campus wide call on cuts. She also reported that the Office of Planning and Budget would have a summary view of the campus budget available for the committee to review soon.

Environmental Sciences B.S. Proposal

With member Matthew Clapham recused, the Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the revised proposal from Ocean Sciences and Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS) for an interdisciplinary B.S. degree in Environmental Sciences (ESCI). CPB agreed this major would complement existing campus offerings, meet emergent student demand, and prepare graduates for projected job growth in this area. However, members raised issues with respect to content, resources and diversity, including: representation of biological sciences in the curriculum, potential for limited ethnic diversity among students in the proposed major given the demographic profile of the existing Earth and Planetary Sciences major, potential resource requests in the near future, and potential enrollment impacts on specific ENVS and Math courses.

External Reviews

Stage 2 (Comments on ERC Report for Closure Meeting)

Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS)

The committee commented on the external review report documents for the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department review. Due time constraints, members will continue discussion of this item at the next meeting. Member Matthew Clapham was recused from the discussion.

Planning: December 14 Meeting

The committee briefly discussed planned items for its next meeting.