COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
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Present: Bruce Schumm (Chair), Kimberly Lau (ex officio), David Brundage (ex officio), Zsuzsanna Abrams, Matthew Clapham, Lisbeth Haas, David Helmbold, Lindsay Hinck, Pradip Mascharak, Nirvikar Singh, Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: none.

Members Items
CPB welcomed new members Lisbeth Haas and Pradip Mascharak.

Senate Chair Lau provided highlights from the Academic Council meeting of October 3. She noted that topics of discussion included an update on the Regents meeting, initial presentation of the budget, employee health and retirement (including costs, new definitions of what constitutes domestic partnership). The proposed consolidation of UC Mexico programs (UC Mexus, UC Mexico, Casa de California), an update on the development of UC policies and processes for NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act), and upcoming faculty diversity initiatives were also on the agenda.

Chair Schumm provided an update on the systemwide UCPB meeting of October 2. He reported that topics of discussion included the current state budget and the proposed UC Mexico programs consolidation. UCPB also consulted with UC Senate Chair May.

Chair Schumm provided a brief update on his conversations with Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) Chair Onuttom Narayan regarding possible collaboration between CPB and CEP on two issues 1) TA and TAS allocations, and 2) impaction.

Confidentiality Statement
The revised draft statement will be moved to the next meeting for discussion.

Campus Budget Overview Part II
Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget Delaney provided the second of two planned campus budget overview presentations. Topics included staffing on core and non-core funds, extramural research funds, major capital projects, enrollment, and student to faculty ratios. CPB also raised questions about outcomes-based funding, time to degree, three year degrees, philanthropy, and space.

Consultation: VPAA Lee
CPB consulted with VPAA Lee on an overview and introduction to his portfolio as well as next steps in the Strategic Academic Plan (SAP) process. VPAA Lee noted that the SAP draft is currently being revised and reframed, and will come to the Senate for another round of review. CPB requested confirmation that the Senate would be involved in weighing in on initiatives and fully participating in that review process. VPAA Lee noted that revisions are in process, and there will be further revision once the Senate provides feedback. VPAA Lee also briefly discussed the upcoming FTE call in relation to the SAP.

Astronomy and Astrophysics Ph.D. Dual Degree Proposal
CPB considered the proposal to establish a Ph.D. dual degree program/pathway between the UCSC Astronomy & Astrophysics department and Swinburne University of Technology Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing. The program would result in selected students receiving a Ph.D. from each institution. The committee raised concerns that prevented endorsement of the proposal, including in the
following areas: the nature of the program (structure of the program and associated resource implications), financial support for students, staffing, and intellectual property issues.

External Reviews
Stage 1 (Supplemental Questions)
Computational Media
With member Lau recused, CPB discussed the upcoming review of the Computational Media Department, and raised questions in the following areas for the external review committee to address: efforts to increase faculty from under-represented groups; number of degree programs and capacity in terms of faculty, staff, and space; extramural funding levels and Ph.D. student/faculty goal ratios; and achievability of planned enrollment levels for CM’s professional programs.

Stage 2: (Comments on the ERC Report for Closure Meeting)
Linguistics
The committee commented on the report of the External Review Committee (ERC) for the Linguistics department, as well as the responses from the department and Dean of Humanities. CPB noted that the ERC report emphasized the continued high quality and national reputation of the department and its programs. CPB also highlighted the challenges cited in the report, particularly with respect to replacing faculty retiring in the near future, adjusting to the changing nature of the field by broadening the department’s foci, maintaining or growing enrollments, and finding financial and space resources to support the department’s development and growth. CPB noted that the opportunity to enhance the department’s long-term position by taking advantage of developments related to experimental, cognitive and computational concerns is an important one, but the transition also poses a significant challenge. CPB also raised additional questions for discussion at the closure meeting, including in the following areas: plan for maintaining department quality in context of uncertainty about campus level support for faculty recruitment in the division overall; sustainability of plans to grow graduate cohorts; space issues.

Planning: October 11 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed planned items for its next meeting.