Present: Bruce Schumm (Chair), Matthew Clapham (Vice Chair), Kimberly Lau (ex officio), David Brundage (ex officio), Deborah Gould, David Helmbold, Minghui Hu, Dard Neuman, Nirvikar Singh, Fitnat Yildiz, Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Marilyn Walker, Matthew Mednick (Senate Director),

Member Items
Senate Chair Lau provided an update on the CAB/SEC meeting of January 21, 2020. She reported that main topics included a labor update. She also reported that Robert May visited SEC to talk about issues related to Unit 18 Lecturers.

Member Helmbold provided an update on the Advisory Committee on Campus Planning and Stewardship (CPBS) of January 21, 2020. He reported that topics of discussion included seismic retrofits and the General Obligation Bond.

Chair Schumm informed members of the CEP memo related to constraints on new programs due to classroom availability.

Chair Schumm announced that a subgroup of CPB members will review, with Office of Planning and Budget staff, the Central Resources Summary spreadsheet presented by VCPB Delaney at the last meeting. Subgroup members include CPB Chair Schumm, CPB Vice Chair Clapham, and members Singh and Neuman.

Members briefly reviewed the CPB planned FTE review timeline.

A member raised a question about the relationship between state funding for UCs and the reality of our large economy, and specifically asked if UCPB or other divisional CPBs had raised this issue. There was brief discussion on this, including budget opacity and whether we are in an opportune moment to push the issue of funding for the UC.

Consultation: VCPB
CPB consulted with VCPB Delaney on her annual review of the operating budget (academic and academic support divisions, institutional support units, auxiliary units). Members also raised questions about the ongoing space survey. VCPB Delaney noted that the preliminary results needed further examination, and that it appeared the data so far was not sufficient to do what was needed.

VCPB Delaney also noted some additional projects in the pipeline, including updated the Budget Handbook and the Bird’s Eye View replacement.

Consultation: iCP/EVC
The committee consulted with iCP/EVC Kletzer on the following topics: graduate student issues, including five year funding packages, as well as University Relations staffing. VCPB Delaney also attended the consultation.

External Review
Stage 2 (Comments on ERC Report for Closure Meeting)
Philosophy
CPB commented on the external review report documents for the Philosophy external review. The committee raised a number of questions in the following areas for discussion at the closure meeting: FTE allocation, curricular effectiveness, the Center for Public Philosophy, and faculty climate and cohesion.

UC Washington Review
CPB reviewed and discussed the current state assessment report on the UC Washington Center (UCDC).

CPB noted that the report seemed to be motivated by the question of whether UCDC operations should remain under UCOP or be handed to one of the campuses, and agreed that if UCDC were to be transferred to a UC campus, the immediate concern is whether UCDC should be separated from UCOP financially. CPB found it difficult to endorse transferring UCDC to a UC campus. Members noted that the financial obligations a campus would be assuming if it took on the program remained unclear. The geographical distance that causes difficulties for efficient integration with UCOPs services would not be alleviated by transferring the operations to a campus (unlike UC Davis’s proximity to UC Center Sacramento). The inefficiencies associated with the dual quarter/semester calendar could potentially be resolved by moving to the host campus’s calendar, but this change is likely to weaken participation from campuses that use the other system with a consequent negative impact on operation’s financials.

Planning: January 30 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed items planned for its next meeting.