COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
May 28, 2020

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, Marilyn Walker, Fitnat Yildiz, James Sirigotis (Graduate Student Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: None.

Member Items
Chair Lau provided an update on the campus Academic Recovery Working Group, including fall enrollment and housing planning.

Chair Schumm and member Singh provided an update on the Cost of Attendance Working Group. They are continuing to work on assessment of what it costs to live as a graduate student. They also noted that one of the graduate students on the Working Group is conducting focus groups. The group hopes to be able to present to incoming graduate students what their expenses are likely to be. A report will be produced by the group.

Senate Vice Chair Brundage and members Gould and Neuman provided an update on the Joint Senate Administration Working Group on Graduate Education. They discussed that one of the subcommittees is looking at understanding the campus budget as a whole and how it feeds into the graduate enterprise. Other subcommittees will be examining alternative funding streams and graduate capacity.

Informational Item: CPB on Budget Principles and Recommendations (2008-10)
The budget realities facing the campus as a result of COVID-19 have sparked discussion about CPB’s role in advising the iCP/EVC about looming budget cuts, and questions have also been raised about CPB’s recommendations in the last round of cuts during and following the “Great Recession.” Members reviewed a brief sampling of material drawn from 2008-10 CPB archives. Chair Schumm asked members to review the material with an eye toward the principles and approach to review presented in the documents, in order to have a broad discussion informed by this historical context.

Consultation: iCP/EVC
CPB consulted with iCP/EVC Kletzer on the following topics: COVID-19 impacts, the re-organization of University Relations, CPB engagement and consultation in budgetary matters. The latter included discussion about the Bird’s Eye View planned replacement, regularization of business practices across divisions and units, Office of Planning and Budget transition planning, and an update on how the work of the currently on hold Academic Resources Remodeling Group will continue. Budget Director Kimberly Register and iCP/EVC Chief of Staff also attended the consultation.

Planning: June 4 Meeting
The committee briefly discussed items planned for its next meeting.