COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET
MINUTES
June 4, 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, James Sirigotis (Graduate Student Rep), Matthew Mednick (Senate Director), Esthela Bañuelos (Senate Analyst)

Absent: Marilyn Walker, Fitnat Yildiz

Member Items
Chair Schumm and member Singh provided an update on the UCPB meeting of June 2, 2020. They reported that topics of discussion focused largely on the overall budget.

Senate Chair Lau provided an update on the Senate Executive Committee meeting of June 2, 2020. She reported that SEC discussed the issue of divisional appointments, including resource implications and questions about service and teaching.

The committee discussed summer delegations to the Chair.

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. This discussion began last week and continued at today’s meeting. Members raised several issues that will be communicated to iCP/EVC Kletzer. CPB agreed that every effort should be made to preserve our level of service to the student body, and to continue to support our campus’s reputation as a leader in the production of knowledge, of groundbreaking creative activity, and impactful critical perspectives. Members also raised the possibility of using resources that could be employed in bridging the campus through the initial period of fiscal constraint, which might later enable the possibility of smaller or no permanent budget cuts. Members also raised the need for our campus to align with the other campuses for stronger self advocacy.

Consultation: iCP/EVC
CPB consulted with iCP/EVC Kletzer on the following topics: COVID-19 impacts, the impact of the General Obligation bond failure on capital planning, UNEX, and the Teaching Assistant labor action as it related to planning. Budget Director Kimberly Register also attended the consultation.

Annual Report 2019-20
The committee discussed issues to highlight in CPB’s 2019-20 annual report, including continuing issues for next year.