

Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
Minutes of Meeting
November 19, 2014

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 9:00 am on November 19, 2014 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Anne Kelley presiding.

Attendees: Anne Kelley, Joshua Viers, Jan Wallander, Mukesh Singhal, Cristián Ricci, Marilyn Fogel, and Daisy Pelayo Figueroa. Absent: Danielle Bermudez.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Kelley and committee member Wallander updated the CAPRA members on the November 14 Meeting of the Division. At the meeting, Provost/EVC Peterson discussed the strategic academic focusing process and Vice Provost for Faculty's (VPF) Camfield's recent memo to all faculty on facilitated discussions to narrow down the five, broad, thematic research areas. Some faculty members in attendance responded to the Provost/EVC that he has the information he needs and suggested that he should make a decision on the themes now. These faculty members expressed concern with the timeline and that FTE lines will not be released in time for next year's hiring if these facilitated discussions proceed. Another faculty member in attendance voiced support for the facilitated discussions.

II. Consent Calendar

The November 5 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. VPF's Memo on Strategic Academic Focusing

Prior to this meeting, CAPRA members reviewed the memo that was sent to all faculty from VPF Camfield. CAPRA members drafted a response memo asking the Provost/EVC to release a subset of FTE lines now for the foundational/disciplinary areas so that next year's hiring is not negatively impacted. Faculty are concerned that the strategic academic focusing process will not conclude in a timely manner for an effective FTE allocation process to occur. The draft memo also included CAPRA's suggestion that the

Provost/EVC make a decision on the five broad, thematic research areas as he should already be in possession of all the information required.

CAPRA drafted a similar memo to members of the strategic academic focusing committee and the VPF to inform them that CAPRA is making the aforementioned suggestions to the Provost/EVC.

CAPRA members debated the language of the memo to the Provost/EVC, as a minority of the committee felt that due to the broad nature of many of the strategic academic focusing proposals and the significant resource implications, the Provost/EVC should proceed with consulting additional groups of faculty. A majority of the committee felt that the Provost/EVC has all the information required and should make a decision on the narrowing of the five broad, thematic research areas.

CAPRA members agreed on the following language to include in the memo to the Provost/EVC: suggest a binary choice to either 1) make the decision now on the five thematic research areas and release FTE lines for both the disciplinary/foundational and strategic areas for search next year; or 2) postpone assigning faculty lines associated with the strategic academic focusing process for one year to allow faculty to generate the information requested in the VPF's memo, and release FTE lines only for the disciplinary/foundational areas. CAPRA will revise the criteria it developed last year for FTE requests for the disciplinary hires.

IV. Space Principles

Prior to this meeting, CAPRA members reviewed all Senate committee and school executive committee comments and revised the space principles accordingly.

ACTION: Send space principles to the Provost/EVC, school deans, school executive committee chairs, Division Council, Tom Lollini, campus architect; Steve Rabedaux, Director of Academic Facilities Planning; Jeffrey Gilger, faculty representative on the Campus Physical Planning Committee; Phillip

Woods, Director of Physical & Environmental Planning; Abigail Rider, AVC of Real Estate; Sam Traina, Vice Chancellor for Research; Marjorie Zatz, Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Education, and Graeme Mitchell, AVC of Strategic Facilities Planning.

V. FTE Tracking

Near the end of the last academic year, CAPRA requested from the Provost/EVC a list of all new faculty lines originally allocated for search at the start of the current academic year, and a corresponding list of all other new faculty lines that were approved through special mechanisms after the original allocation was made. CAPRA requested this information for purposes of improved strategic planning and to assist the Provost/EVC in making the most efficient use of limited resources to meet increasing demands.

The Provost/EVC responded earlier this fall semester with the requested information. CAPRA members reviewed and discussed the information provided.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Attest:

Anne Kelley, Chair

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