

Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
Minutes of Meeting
April 14, 2014

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 3:30 pm on April 14, 2014 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Anne Kelley presiding.

I. Chair's Report

--Member Singhal updated CAPRA members on the April 10 special meeting of Division Council at which Provost Peterson provided an update on the FTE situation. The Provost announced that there will likely be only 3-5 new faculty FTE lines next year and asked for input on whether a FTE process should occur for so few lines. The remaining FTE lines for next year will be carry overs from any unfilled search this year as well as any necessary replacement lines. The Provost and Division Council will notify the faculty of the final decision on the allocation process of the new lines.

--Chair Kelley announced that nothing of significance to UC Merced was discussed at the April 1 UCPB meeting.

II. Consent Calendar

ACTION: Today's agenda was approved as presented.

III. Campus Review Items

--CAPRA members discussed the Committee on Research's (COR) proposed policies for the establishment and review of research units. Concerns included: not enough authority granted to the faculty, the unwarranted coupling of research merit with the funding mechanism, and the burdensome review cycle in light of faculty members' membership in several programs and groups.

ACTION: Committee analyst will circulate a draft memo to committee members for review and approval. A final memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair by the deadline of April 18.

--CAPRA members discussed the revised Mechanical Engineering graduate proposal. While the ambitious growth profile may still be an issue, CAPRA members saw no further, significant complications.

ACTION: CAPRA voted to approve the revised proposal to move forward in the process. Committee analyst will notify the Senate Chair by the deadline of April 21.

--CAPRA members discussed the revised Sociology graduate proposal and were satisfied with the revisions.

ACTION: CAPRA voted to approve the revised proposal to move forward in the process. Committee analyst will notify the Senate Chair by the deadline of April 18.

--CAPRA members discussed the Molecular Cell Biology graduate proposal. Overall, CAPRA had no significant concerns.

ACTION: CAPRA voted to approve the revised proposal to move forward in the process. Committee analyst will notify the Senate Chair by the deadline of April 21.

--CAPRA members discussed the revised EECS graduate proposal. As one member recused from this discussion, quorum was lost and no vote was taken.

ACTION: CAPRA members will vote via email to approve the revised proposal. Committee analyst will notify the Senate Chair by the deadline of April 25.

IV. Other Business

Chair Kelley suggested that due to the lack of a traditional FTE request process this year, CAPRA should determine other ways to engage in the campus's academic space and resources conversation. One suggestion was

for CAPRA to propose to the Provost a method on how to track the process of using a future faculty FTE line to fulfill a current search. This item will be placed on the next CAPRA agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Attest:

Anne Kelley, Chair

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