

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING & RESOURCE ALLOCATION (CAPRA)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

- I. Chair's Report – *Mike Beman* **1:30 – 1:40**
 A. University Committee on Planning & Budget meeting April 1
- II. Vice Chair's Report – *Venkatt Ayyaswamy* **1:40 – 1:50**
 A. Divisional Council meeting April 1
- III. Consent Calendar
 A. Today's agenda
 B. Draft March 19 meeting minutes

 Action requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar
- IV. Consultation with Physical Operations, Planning & Development **1:50 – 2:15**
 Guests: AVC Tony Smullen, AVC Jonathan Lampman, AVC Andy Boyd, and Director of Campus Engineering Services Jim Brugger. VC Dan Okoli is unavailable.
 Prior to this meeting, POPD staff were provided with the following list of questions/topics from CAPRA members:
1. The research infrastructure is rapidly decaying in SE1, how does the campus intend to budget/plan for this now and as the buildings continue to age?
 2. How is the campus approaching the vastly different costs for renovations to PIs in the original buildings versus the 2020 buildings - is there a plan to balance the costs for equity between labs/buildings?
 3. We need more job overlap in EHS as the campus has grown. Many of the staff and leadership positions are at a single point of failure that delays our research, and loses knowledge continuity. How is the campus addressing this need - is there a way to address this within the expanding budget constraints?
 4. Given that Biology is one of the largest programs on campus—spanning UG and Grad education as well as faculty research—it is critical that our biosafety infrastructure meets the needs of our researchers. However, we continue to face significant challenges, including frequent turnover in the Biosafety Officer role, inefficient BUA software, persistent delays in the BSL-3 facility, and EHS leadership with limited biology expertise. What steps is upper leadership taking to ensure a stable, well-supported, and knowledgeable biosafety program that aligns with the scale and complexity of biological research on our campus?
 5. Do we have an update on building delays, and how are the delays changing our building costs?
 6. The POPD website (<https://popd.ucmerced.edu/>) may need some updates.
 7. What is the anticipated timeline for COB3 start/completion?
- V. Executive Session – *Voting Members Only* **2:15 – 3:00**

