

Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
Minutes of Meeting
November 14, 2023

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 1:00 pm on November 14, 2023 in the Administration Building room 245 and via Zoom. Chair Kevin Mitchell presiding.

I. Chair's Report – *Kevin Mitchell*

A. UCPB November 7 meeting

- Total remuneration study is scheduled to occur this year.

B. Divisional Council November 9 meeting

- Discussion about increased class sizes and whether CRFs are binding or only recommendations. CRE Chair & Parliamentarian Viney is looking into it.
- Updates about the Temporary Academic Staffing (TAS) working group. Interim EVC/Provost Zatz, Interim VC/CFO Schnier, and CAPRA Chair Mitchell are in the process of formulating the work group. The work group may split into two: one group to focus on how much money total goes into the TAS budget from the university budget and the other group would focus on how that money gets distributed among the Schools. There will be overlap and coordination between the two groups, assuming they are established.
- Updates from the Oracle Task Force. CAPRA Chair Mitchell reiterated that faculty should only be responsible for defining the problems, suggesting the metrics to fix the problems, defining success, and recommending the timeline by which the problems are fixed by the administration. Faculty should not be responsible for the details of fixing the problems in the financial systems.
- CoR has revised the Centers policy in response to comments received from Senate committees in the AY 22-23 campus review. Another campus review is forthcoming.
- Proposed, new APM section 672 on the Negotiated Salary program. Divisional Council members had competing ideas.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Today's agenda

B. Draft October 24 meeting minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. PROC Updates – *Kara McCloskey and Matt Hibbing*

At the last PROC meeting, the committee discussed degree programs that were reviewed last year. Those programs were invited to respond. PROC then assessed whether the degree programs met the criteria. Senate Vice Chair Hibbing added that computer science just had their review and

their big challenge is enrollment management as they have many students. A CAPRA member inquired about computer science faculty teaching loads. VPAAS Spitzmueller replied that their workloads are normal.

IV. Consultation with Interim VC/CFO Schnier

Interim VC/CFO Schnier continued his campus budget overview he begun at the last CAPRA meeting. His presentation was linked on today's agenda.

Interim VC/CFO Schnier shared with CAPRA the total campus revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023, both with and without auxiliaries. The fiscal year 2023 deficit is \$23.1 million. Owner-cost payment was \$17.8 million, one-time funding revenues were about \$5 million, Community Labor Center funding was about \$3 million/year, and one-time funding under our MOU with UCOP is \$13 million. The true deficit for the campus is approximately \$25-\$26 million. This generates a large structural enrollment deficit of about 1,500-1,600 students. During fiscal year 2023, the campus's spending was based on an enrollment of about 10,700-10,800 students. This number will increase as a result of the campus's increased costs for fiscal year 2024.

Interim VC/CFO Schnier then shared with CAPRA the fiscal year 2024 budget call outcome. He reminded the committee that funds were from four different pools of funds to support the campus: 1) temporary research staff support, 2) Accelerate Campus' Evolution (ACE) initiative, 3) temporary Climate Research support, and 4) the campus's recent designation as an Agricultural Experiment Station.

V. Consultation with VPAAS Spitzmueller

VPAAS Spitzmueller shared the presentation given to the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) by campus leadership during a recent visit to UC Merced. CAPRA members received the presentation prior to this meeting. The presentation included several pieces of information for the LAO, including the following:

- UC Merced's goal of delivering a UC education and research university to California's Central Valley.
- UC Merced accounts for 53% of the Central Valley's growth in UC-going rates since 2005.
- Demographics on UC Merced students.
- Path to R1.
- Multi-pronged approach towards 15,000 students.
- Growing UC Merced's capacity and majors to broaden access for California A-G qualified students.

VI. Campus Review Items

A. Proposed Aerospace B.S. Degree

The proposal was linked on today's agenda.

Action: Due to time constraints, the committee analyst will ask for a lead reviewer over email. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the November 28 meeting. CAPRA's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, December 8.

B. Proposed Biology B.A. Degree

CAPRA member Michael Findlater recused from the discussion.

The proposal is was linked on today's agenda and the lead reviewer's comments were sent to CAPRA prior to this meeting.

CAPRA members agreed with the lead reviewer's comments and had no additional comments.

Action: The committee analyst will transmit CAPRA's memo to the Senate Executive Director after today's meeting.

VII. Executive Session – *voting members only*

This portion of the meeting was not recorded and no minutes were taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Attest: Kevin Mitchell, CAPRA chair