

**Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**November 21, 2019**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 3:00 pm on November 21 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Patricia LiWang presiding.

I. Consultation with EVC/Provost

EVC/Provost Camfield briefly attended the CAPRA meeting to note the low attendance at the recent academic planning town hall meeting. He thanked CAPRA members for their participation, and expressed his hope that the next town hall will have more participation from faculty members.

II. Consultation with APAPB

- Academic Planning

Prior to this meeting, and per the action item from a previous meeting, Associate Provost of Academic Planning & Budget Schnier distributed a draft, joint memo from the EVC/Provost and CAPRA to the deans about upcoming deadlines for phase 1 of the academic planning process. This joint memo was drafted in part to clarify to faculty members the role of CAPRA in each phase of academic planning. APAPB Schnier asked CAPRA members if he and the EVC/Provost should extend the deadline for Phase 1 (submission of aspirations and goals); the deadline is currently January 24. This question led to a discussion about some faculty members being confused on what aspirations and goals to submit in January. Some faculty members are concerned about drafting their departmental aspirations and goals in such a way as to increase the likelihood of receiving resources from their deans. There is also confusion on the definitions of “mission”, “values”, and “goals”. APAPB Schnier responded that he will use consistent language moving forward and is available to help faculty with any other issues with regard to drafting aspirations and goals. He added that he plans to upload academic planning documents to a future campus website. CAPRA members recommended leaving in place the January deadline for the submission of aspirations and goals but asked APAPB Schnier whether departments would be allowed to revise their documents.

With regard to the draft, joint memo from the EVC/Provost and CAPRA, CAPRA members recommended that the language make clear that Schools’ aspirations and goals must address all indices of success but they can weight them differently. (Individual departmental aspirations and goals are not required to address all three indices).

- Assessment centralization proposal

APAPB Schnier summarized the proposal, which would integrate assessment into the campus's academic planning process. Academic assessment support would be centralized via through the formation of a proposed "Academic Planning and Assessment Support Center".

CAPRA members expressed concern over the time that is devoted to assessment and questioned whether it is beneficial to continue to provide resources for assessment when there are many under-resourced areas on campus. In terms of the centralized structure outlined in the proposal, CAPRA members had no objections.

APAPB Schnier indicated that that a written response from CAPRA is not necessary, and that he will verbally convey CAPRA's feedback to the administration.

**Action:** APAPB Schnier will share CAPRA's input with PROC.

- Graduate funding model

Due to time constraints, APAPB Schnier briefly introduced CAPRA to the graduate funding model and will go into more detail at the December 5 CAPRA meeting.

**Action:** Committee analyst will place the graduate funding model on the December 5 CAPRA meeting.

### III. Chair's Report

Chair LiWang updated CAPRA members on the November 13 Division Council meeting. The EVC/Provost provided updates on the future of medical education at UC Merced. UCSF-Fresno continues working with UC Merced on this issue. If the General Obligation bond is passed by voters on next year's ballot, UC Merced will use the funds to build a behavioral health sciences building. It anticipated that public health, psychology, and future medical education faculty will be housed in this building. (There are no faculty FTEs for medical education faculty at this time.) Division Council members pointed out to the EVC/Provost that the Senate has largely been left out of the medical education process, and that future proposals for medical education must come to the Senate for consideration. It was suggested that the newly-hired medical director be invited to Division Council, as well as to CAPRA, CoR, and GC.

A CAPRA member shared that plans for the new building are underway, and faculty who will potentially move into the building are being asked to compile their list of needs for the Office of Space Planning & Analysis to consider.

## IV. Senate Vice Chair's Report

Senate Vice Chair DeLugan updated CAPRA members on recent PROC business. The review of the Center for Humanities is closed, with the main issues being sustainability and resources. It was also mentioned that PROC sometimes receives comments from the external review teams about a variety of issues like space and sense of community of the programs they are reviewing. PROC typically compiles these comments and submits to the EVC/Provost as the end of the review. PROC suggested that it submits the comments to the EVC/Provost while the review is still occurring as that is perceived as more effective.

## V. Consent Calendar

- Today's agenda
- November 7 draft meeting minutes

**Action:** the Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

## VI. Campus Review Item

- Resolution to address climate change

Prior to this meeting, the lead reviewer's comments were distributed to the CAPRA members. CAPRA members agreed with the review. The committee supports the adoption of the resolution and its promotion across the UC system, but encourages careful review to identify ways to encourage more strategic planning and coordination and to use more unifying language.

**Action:** Committee analyst will transmit CAPRA's comments to the Senate Chair upon conclusion of this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Attest: Patti LiWang, CAPRA chair