

Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
Minutes of Meeting
March 16, 2022

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 2:00 pm on March 16, 2022, via Zoom. Chair Kevin Mitchell presiding.

- I. Consultation with Interim CFO and Assistant EVC/Provost
 - A. Review of revised academic plans/budget requests

EVC/Provost Camfield was absent from this meeting. CAPRA members discussed budget issues with the Interim CFO in the context of their review of the revised academic plans/budget requests. The CAPRA chair asked whether the TAS budget covers educational lab staff. Interim CFO Schnier replied that those positions are under the budget call. CAPRA members asked about one-time and permanent/recurring funding. Interim CFO Schnier pointed out that while both come from the same pot of money, the campus can do more with one-time funding and take risks that they cannot take with recurring funding. A CAPRA member asked whether the amount of money available for campus budget requests will remain static from one year to the next. Interim CFO Schnier responded that it depends on enrollment growth; as enrollment increases, the campus will have more funding.

Interim CFO Schnier had to leave the meeting early, as he was required to participate in another meeting. In his absence, Assistant EVC/Provost Martin reminded CAPRA members that Interim CFO Schnier previously stated that if the campus reaches its enrollment targets, we will have approximately \$1 – 1.2 million for the entire campus budget.
- II. Chair's Report – *Kevin Mitchell and Patti LiWang*
 - A. March 1 UCPB meeting

Due to time constraints, Chair Mitchell will update CAPRA at a future meeting.
 - B. March 10 Divisional Council meeting
 - The campus mask mandate may be relaxed soon, but a decision has not yet been made.
 - The BSP building is still under a temporary occupancy permit but the campus is working to towards a permanent occupancy permit.
 - Discussion of online degree programs at other campuses and the possible negative effect on UC Merced enrollment.
 - UGC and GC chairs discussed the issue of accommodation for remote instruction.
 - Updates from SNS Dean Dumont and Medical Education Director Thelma Hurd on the medical education program. They will submit a preliminary document to Divisional Council this semester that outlines the medical education plan and resources. While there will be no new undergraduate degree program at UC Merced, some of our campuses resources will be used to support other aspects of medical education.

- EVC/Provost Camfield informed Divisional Council that Assembly Member Adam Gray has co-authored Assembly Bill 2046 entitled “University of California: Inland Rising Fund” that proposes the allocation of about \$1.5 billion to be divided between UC Merced and UC Riverside for a variety of initiatives.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Today’s agenda
- B. Draft March 2 meeting minutes

Action: Due to time constraints, the Consent Calendar will be approved at the next meeting.

IV. Executive Session – voting members only

- A. Review of revised academic plans/school and division budget requests
Prior to this meeting, CAPRA was granted access to the school and division revised academic plans/budget requests together with guidelines for review.

No minutes were recorded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Attest: Kevin Mitchell, CAPRA chair