

**Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**March 19, 2025**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 1:30 pm on March 19, 2025 via Zoom. Chair Michael Beman presiding.

I. Consultation with EVC/Provost

- A. EVC/Provost Dumont informed CAPRA that a statement from UC President Drake was released today through UC Network. The statement included an announcement on instituting a UC-wide hiring freeze to manage costs and conserve funds. A CAPRA member asked how this affects ACE funded hires. EVC/Provost Dumont will look into this and provide an answer to CAPRA.

B. Update on TAS

A CAPRA member asked what fraction of UC Merced's lecturers are in the Merritt Writing Program and asked for a comparison of how writing is delivered across the UC system. EVC/Provost Dumont replied that the SSHA dean is gathering this information.

Another CAPRA member asked if the EVC/Provost could share disaggregated TAS information down to the department level so that CAPRA could have a better understanding of workforce planning to determine if the distribution of Senate faculty FTE lines across departments is appropriate. EVC/Provost Dumont responded that she could share the data but pointed out that that is something the School deans are tasked with examining. She also pointed out that credit hour data for each department are available in Tableau. A CAPRA member stated that some departments rely on increasing the number of lecturers through the TAS budget in the absence of Senate faculty FTE lines.

The EVC/Provost then shared the following data:

- Total campus investment in Academic Affairs
- Contributions to debt
- Undergraduate enrollment numbers (primary source of revenue)
- TAS expenditure per undergraduate
- TAS progress for fiscal year 2025

**Action:** The EVC/Provost will share her slides with CAPRA after today's meeting. CAPRA will then submit their questions about the information to the EVC/Provost which she will address at a future CAPRA meeting.

II. Chair's Report – *Mike Beman*

## A. University Committee on Planning &amp; Budget meeting March 4

- Discussion about the systemwide academic calendar workgroup draft report.
- A medical plan workgroup has been formed.
- Discussion about executive orders and several states joining together in a lawsuit about lowered IDC costs.
- UCOP staff reported that they are getting some traction with legislators on supporting the UC.
- Workgroup on faculty discipline (in response to the Regents' directive) continues its work.
- systemwide Senate Chair presented on various issues. Taskforce to deal with federal issues, Special Assembly meeting on the UCSF Memorials (both failed), peer raises for administrators, and several ongoing UC wide high-level searches.
- Discussion of the state budget and the amount of taxes that come in from California residents at different times of the year. The LA fires have had an impact on the state budget.
- UC Merced appears to be ahead of most other UCs in terms of the budget reduction exercise. UCSC is instituting particularly serious budget cuts. UCD is creating principles for reducing their budget.

III. Vice Chair's Report - *Venkatraman Ayyaswamy*

## A. Divisional Council meeting March 11

- Divisional Council reviewed the Interim Policy on Consensual Relationships along with comments from various Senate committees.
- Divisional Council voted to endorse the PK-3 Non-Degree Certificate Proposal: Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential
- Consultation with the Division of Professional and Continuing Education
- Divisional Council continued to discuss hate speech and bias in student evaluations. (In response to a question from a CAPRA member, the CAPRA analyst shared a link from the February 7 edition of the Senate Digest which contained background information on this issue. The Senate Digest is distributed to all Senate faculty as well as key administrators and staff.)
- Divisional Council discussed the proposed revisions to APM-036, General University Policy Regarding Academic Appointees/Employment
- EVC/Provost Dumont consulted with Divisional Council on various issues including the campus budget reduction exercise.

## IV. Consent Calendar

- A. Today's agenda
- B. Draft February 26 meeting minutes

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

## V. Consultation with VC &amp; CFO

VC& CFO Schnier informed CAPRA that he is working with all divisions on their budget numbers and is currently in the validation stage. He hopes to go live with all the information by next fall.

CAPRA is already privy to the budgets of the Academic Affairs units, so VC&CFO Schnier shared information on the following units' operational overview on core funds: POPD, DFA (the increase is a reflection of the move to Oracle from UCLA's financial system), OIT (the increase is a reflection of cybersecurity mandates from systemwide including software costs), Chancellor's Office, EJIE (it is too early to analyze spending trends as their funds were taken from the Chancellor's Office), Student Affairs, External Relations, and Enrollment Management (funds were carved out of Student Affairs).

VC&CFO Schnier emphasized that these are preliminary and draft slides being developed to increase fiscal transparency around the budgets and spending in all divisions on campus. He encouraged CAPRA to contact him with questions.

In response to a CAPRA member's question about the 2020 Project, VC&CFO Schnier clarified that UCOP pays 59% of the project's debt while UC Merced pays 41%.

**Action:** VC& CFO Schnier will share his slides with CAPRA after today's meeting. CAPRA will submit any questions to him for discussion at a future CAPRA meeting.

## VI. Other Business

- A. Per the CAPRA chair's request, staff from Physical Operations, Planning & Development (POPD) will join the April 2 meeting for a consultation on utilities costs and drivers and opportunities for efficiency. Guests: AVC Tony Smullen, AVC Jonathan Lampman, AVC Andy Boyd, and Director of Campus Engineering Services Jim Brugger. VC Dan Okoli is unavailable.

CAPRA members were asked to formulate a list of questions for the POPD staff to address at the next meeting.

**Action:** CAPRA will submit their questions to the CAPRA analyst by March 26. On that date, the analyst will transmit the questions to POPD staff in preparation for the April 2 consultation.

VII. Executive Session – *Voting Members Only*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Attest: Michael Beman, CAPRA chair