

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

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 3:00 pm on March 21, 2019 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Jessica Trounstine presiding.

I. Consultation with EVC/Provost and Office of Financial Planning and Analysis

AVC Romi Kaur, VC Mike Riley, and EVC/Provost Camfield consulted with CAPRA about the UC's effort to place a general obligation bond on the next primary election ballot.

EVC/Provost Camfield explained that for the next primary, California will be participating in Super Tuesday with a primary in March. The UC is hopeful that voters will be motivated to support a general obligation bond for higher education. The bond will be \$8 billion and split evenly between the UC and the CSU. EVC/Provost Camfield stated that the task before the UC campuses now is to prioritize funding needs which will be incorporated into the bond.

AVC Kaur reported that the primary needs of the UC campuses are maintenance, enrollment needs, instructional and research space, and seismic retrofitting needs. UC Merced's needs are the current backfill space projects, space needs to accommodate enrollment growth, 2020 project debt, and funding for the new buildings. AVC Kaur asked for CAPRA's input on how to prioritize these needs.

CAPRA members suggested the following areas in need of funding:

- Research laboratory space, most urgently psychology laboratories as these are not covered in the 2020 plan.
- Instructional space
- Space for student clubs
- Library

CAPRA members suggested consulting with Director of Space Planning & Analysis Maggie Saunders to help formulate a prioritized list of funding needs.

EVC/Provost Camfield asked CAPRA members to continue this discussion in subsequent meetings and to keep him apprised of the committee's recommendations.

Action: Director Saunders will be invited to a future CAPRA meeting.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Trounstine reported the following:

- Academic Planning Work Group (APWG) updates.
Next week, the APWG will be issuing, for campus review, a set of recommendations to guide the EVC/Provost in the future multi-year budget process. The APWG identified three broad indices: 1) producing UC quality scholarship, 2) deliver a UC quality education, and 3) maintain diversity in both breadth of programming and in terms of equity and inclusion. One to three criteria will be used to evaluate these indices and measures of success. The report that will soon be issued for campus review will outline the new roles of campus stakeholders in the current FTE request process. School Executive Committees will henceforth serve in an advisory role to the Deans rather than provide their own rankings; the School Deans will communicate with each other before making multi-year allocation decisions. In the future, this comprehensive budget call will include both faculty and staff FTE as well as other budgetary requests. The Office of Research & Economic Development (ORED) will eventually be part of this campus budget call and ORUs will submit their budget requests to ORED. In short, all budgetary decisions will be driven by the academic planning process. Timelines will be aligned, i.e. requests for instructional needs will be requested concurrently with FTE/staffing needs.
Chair Trounstein stated that the APWG report should be issued for campus review by April 1.
- UCPB meeting March 5
Major topics included:
 - Consultation with systemwide Senate leadership about multi-year budget planning.
 - Discussion of the two Multicampus Research Units that are under review by systemwide.
 - Status of Elsevier negotiations. The UC is trying to determine funding models.
- Division Council meeting March 18
Major topics included:
 - Presentation about student basic needs
 - Chancellor voiced her support for the campus trying to achieve R1 status
 - Discussion on the space planning documents that recently underwent Senate review

III. Consent Calendar

Action: the February 7, February 21, and March 7 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Campus Review Items

- A. Non-Degree Program Proposal: Online/Distance Education Version of the UC Merced Extension Teacher Preparation Program, Multiple Subject Credential and Single Subject Credential

This is a proposal from University Extension to establish a distance education version of the onsite program was approved by the Senate in April 2018.

CAPRA members discussed the preliminary comments provided by the committee's lead reviewer. CAPRA members supported the comments and the proposal, noting that minimal impact on campus resources.

Action: CAPRA's memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair by his deadline of Friday, March 22.

B. ORU Policy

CoR drafted a policy on the establishment, disestablishment, and review of ORUs.

CAPRA identified a lead reviewer.

Action: Lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the April 4 (and April 18, if necessary) meeting. CAPRA's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 22.

V. Systemwide Review Items

A. UC Transfer Admission Proposal

Action: The Senate Chair will be informed that CAPRA declines to comment.

B. Proposed Revision to Senate Regulation 636.E

The revisions seek to address equity concerns related to how UC students are allowed to satisfy the University's Entry Level Writing Requirement . The revisions were proposed by the Santa Barbara Division and have been endorsed by the University Committee on Preparatory Education.

Action: The Senate Chair will be informed that CAPRA declines to comment.

VI. Research Computing Space

In October 2018, CAPRA sent a memo to CIO Ann Kovalchick on the utilization of secure research computing space in the SSM building. Since that time, OIT's Director of CyberInfrastructure & Research Computing held an internal budget discussion and consulted with OIT stakeholders, Committee on Research Computing leadership, and engaged faculty. The Director provided a written update on his efforts.

CAPRA discussed the Director's written response and agreed that additional information is needed on his attempts to secure funding.

Action: committee analyst will contact the Director of CyberInfrastructure & Research Computing to obtain additional information.

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

Attest: Jessica Trounstine, CAPRA Chair