

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING & BUDGET
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023

PRESENT:

Peter Atkinson, Entomology, Chair
Reza Abbaschian, Mechanical Engineering
Bronwyn Leebaw, Political Science
Hiroki Nishimura, Economics
Ayala Rao, Microbiology & Plant Pathology
Dana Simmons, History, Vice Chair
Frances Sladek, MCSB
Yadong Yin, Chemistry

ABSENT:

Subramanian Balachander, Business
Roger Lake, Electrical & Computer Engineering
David Lo, School of Medicine

Chair Peter Atkinson called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

The committee unanimously approved both the December 13 and December 20, 2022 minutes as written.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES/REMINDERS

Chair Atkinson indicated that Governor Newsom released the 2023-24 January Budget introduction. Below are some key points and provisions that affect the University of California. In bold are points of particular interest pertaining directly to UCR.

The proposed budget includes a total of \$4.7 billion in State General Fund support for University of California. The Governor's proposed budget provides the University with an increase of \$256 million, or 5.8%, in ongoing funding over the 2022-23 level, bringing total ongoing funding to \$4.6 billion. The Governor's budget also proposes \$100 million in one-time funds for the University. These one-time funds are a delayed re-appropriation of funds originally appropriated in 2022-23. The [Regents' Budget Plan](#) had requested \$252 million in ongoing funds and \$1.2 billion in one-time capital outlay funds. The Governor's budget reflects the second year of a five-year funding [Compact](#) with the University for annual five percent base budget increases. The Compact outlines specific policy goals that the University must advance. You can view the University's first Compact progress report [here](#).

The Compact requires the University to increase California undergraduate enrollment by one percent during 2023-24. The funding for this new enrollment is included in the five percent base-budget adjustment. In addition to this enrollment growth of approximately 2,000 students, the Budget Act of 2022 provided the University with funding to enroll 4,730 new California undergraduates above 2021-22 levels by 2023-24. This intended growth does not

include the nonresident undergraduate student replacement at UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Diego.

- Ongoing Investments (Total \$256 million) include:

1. \$215.5 million for 5% base budget increase for operations and enrollment. (The 2022-23 base budget used for this calculation excludes certain provisions added by the legislature.)
2. \$30 million for a reduction of 902 nonresident undergraduates at UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, and UC San Diego, combined, and enrolling an equivalent number of California undergraduates at those three campuses.
3. **Technical adjustment – \$6.5 million for the UC Riverside School of Medicine bond debt service.**
4. Technical adjustment – \$4 million increase to the State General Fund backfill to the Proposition 56 GME program to maintain a total appropriation of \$40 million.

- One-Time Investments (Total \$100 million):

1. \$100 million for the construction of an Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy at UCLA, which was originally appropriated in 2022-23, but has been delayed to the 2023-24 budget. (The 2022-23 appropriation would be reduced from \$200 million to \$100 million.)

- Delayed Investments:

1. \$83 million for the UC Berkeley Clean Energy Campus Project originally proposed for 2023-24 is delayed until 2024-25.
2. **\$83 million for UC Merced and UC Riverside campus expansion projects originally proposed for 2023-24 is delayed until 2024-25.**

Note: the multi-year Compact includes an expectation that funding be used to support graduate student enrollment growth between 2023-24 and 2026-27. That growth includes medical professional programs as well as other campus graduate programs.

- Other Items of Interest:

1. \$500 million for the Higher Education Affordable Student Housing Grant Program
2. \$2.3 billion in CalGrant investments
3. \$859 million for the Middle Class Scholarship
4. \$293 million for College Corps
5. \$115 million for zero-cost textbooks
6. Child college savings accounts investments continued
7. Delays new appropriations for the Golden State Education and Training Grant Program

Chair Atkinson indicated he attended the January 3, 2023 meeting of the University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB). At that meeting, it was discussed that the UC Regents voted to approve UCLA Athletic Department's move from the PAC-12 Conference to the Big 10 Conference. The move is conditional on UCLA meeting certain guidelines, including a requirement that the school spend a specified amount of money and take certain mitigation steps to support their athletes through the rigors of increased travel. UCLA will also have to pay UC Berkeley a sum between \$2 and 10 million for leaving the conference without them.

Chair Atkinson mentioned UC will send out attestation letters/surveys to faculty and academic workers to identify whether they took any time off during the strike period.

The committee discussed Chair Atkinson's projections for UCR in relation to the budgetary impact of the UC-UAW agreement. Some considerations include:

- Can we UCR fund the number of GSRs on grants and the number on TAs on core funds?
- Can departments and programs be provided with some budgetary model that is agreed upon that will help them determine their status?
- Can departments and programs determine the best way to measure conversions between old and new steps within each title series?
- How to plan for the short term (1-3 y) with an emphasis on costs and how to plan for the long term (>3 y) with an emphasis on policies such as:
 - The size of PhD graduate programs.
 - The number of PhD graduate programs.
 - The best funding models for PhD graduate programs.
 - The fate of PhD graduate programs with faculty members from different colleges and schools in the context of the RCM which indirectly discourages the sharing of fiscal resources across colleges and schools.
 - The fate of TA instruction.
 - High quality education depends on high quality rewards for graduate students.

Chair Atkinson informed the committee that Provost Watkins reached out to lead coordinators and/or current chairs of key faculty Senate committee for initiatives on the central campus strategic plan. Provost Watkins encouraged Senate committee chairs to invite the lead coordinators to join their committee meetings on a regular (perhaps quarterly) basis for consultation and collaboration. It is Provost Watkins' expectation that the administrative leaders (lead coordinators) will make themselves available for these meetings and that they will bring along key collaborators when appropriate. Thus, Chair Atkinson asked the committee to contemplate which administrative leaders the committee wishes to meet with. The committee already has a number of upcoming meetings scheduled with various administrative leaders. Yet, perhaps meetings should also be scheduled with: Dean of UCR Extension, AVC of Enrollment Services, VPJA, and VPAP.

MEETING WITH SoM FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEC) CHAIR

School of Medicine (SoM) FEC Chair, Marcus Kaul, indicated he could not attend this meeting. P&B will attempt to reschedule a future meeting with him.

MEETING WITH SoE FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEC) CHAIR

School of Education (SoE) FEC Chair, Raquell Rall, fielded questions about strategic planning in SOE and shared her thoughts on how the Senate's role could be bolstered around planning and budget.

The meeting was called to a close at 12:45 pm.