

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING & BUDGET
MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2022

PRESENT:

Peter Atkinson, Entomology, Chair
Reza Abbaschian, Mechanical Engineering
Roger Lake, Electrical & Computer Engineering
David Lo, School of Medicine
Hiroki Nishimura, Economics
Ayala Rao, Microbiology & Plant Pathology
Dana Simmons, History, Vice Chair
Frances Sladek, MCSB

ABSENT:

Subramanian Balachander, Business
Bronwyn Leebaw, Political Science
Yadong Yin, Chemistry

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

Due to a number of members not being able to review the December 13 minutes in advance of this meeting, the committee deferred approving those minutes until the next meeting (on January 10, 2023).

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES/REMINDERS

Chair Atkinson indicated that UCPB will meet next on January 3, 2023. Executive Council will meet on January 9, 2023. The Campus Finance Committee (CFC) will meet on January 12, 2023.

VCBP&A Bomotti forwarded the committee two documents:

1. A letter from President Drake to Chancellors informing them of the redistribution of NRT funds from the three campuses, UCB, UCLA and UCSD that were overenrolled for non-resident students. UCR will receive almost \$12.5M. Campuses will now be asked how they propose to invest these one-time funds in programs directly related "to improving student graduation rates and reducing equity gaps".
2. The annual table of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on UCR units. The total budget cut has been some \$41.6M and 92.31 FTE.

There is now a tentative agreement between the University of California (UC) and the United Auto Workers (UAW) regarding contracts for Graduate Student Researchers (GSRs) and Academic Student Employees (ASEs). There may still be ongoing negotiations pertaining to delayed work (grading, research, etc.). Also, there will be discussions related to how to allow for make-up work, if possible. Using information provided by UCOP about the ratified contract (for postdocs) and about the most recent offers made prior to mediation (for GSRs and TAs), the Divisional Chair of UCSB, Susannah Scott, provided a glimpse into how UCSB calculated estimated costs in an

attempt to inform themselves and campus administrators about the magnitude of the task ahead of them.

Based on UCSB's calculations, there will be an estimated increased cost of:

- 100 GSRs at 50% time, step 3: now \$7.5M (increase from \$6.7M)
- 100 TAs at 50% time, step 2, at all campuses except UCLA, UCB, UCSF: now \$5.4M (increase from \$3.5M)
- 100 TAs at 50% time, step 2, UCLA, UCB, UCSF: now \$6.6M (increase from \$3.5M)

Specifically, at UCSB, the estimated increased cost over 5 years will be:

- Postdocs: \$41.8M (unchanged)
- GSRs: \$56.3M (new)
- TAs: \$67.5M (new)

** Total increased cost: \$165.6M

UCR Senate Chair Lee asked Chair Atkinson to map out UCR projections on the budgetary impact of this tentative agreement. How might this tentative agreement affect the budget at UCR? How might the budgetary impact of this tentative agreement affect the future of instruction and research at UCR?

P&B members asked whether there are high-level conversations being had with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) about graduate funding. Also, is there a cap on graduate student stipends? And, what is the university's plan to deal with grants that do not allow changes in the middle of the award period? Some P&B members conveyed that although it may be hard to predict how the strike and a final agreement will impact UC schools, there may be some unintended consequences, e.g. fewer TAs and more LSOEs.

As it pertains to the memorandum about climate initiative funds and the OASIS building to be sent from P&B to Provost Watkins, VC Bomotti, and VC Torres, P&B members were reminded to approve the memorandum as is or to provide comments ASAP. Chair Atkinson stressed that the memorandum should be finalized and eventually forwarded to the pertinent administrative figures within the workweek and prior to the start of the campus Winter Holiday Closure.

FINALIZE QUESTIONS FOR MEETINGS WITH DEANS

P&B members were asked to refer to the shared document on the committee Google drive to approve the current drafted questions or submit additional questions for the Deans, so that these questions may be finalized after the return from the Winter Holiday Closure.

Committee members brainstormed and considered asking the following questions to Deans:

- How will Dean-level decisions work toward central priorities?
- What is your vision for the future of graduate education in your college/school?
 - How do you plan to achieve this?
- How has the RCM budget model affected your working relations with other colleges and schools?
- How do you see your college/school fitting into climate initiatives (such as the OASIS project)?

VCP&B COULD NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING. HE WILL MEET WITH P&B ON JANUARY 17, 2023

Although VC Bomotti could not attend this meeting, he is scheduled to meet with P&B after the Winter Break (the meeting will be held on January 17, 2023). At that time, Chair Atkinson noted that perhaps VC Bomotti would have more information on how the tentative strike agreement would impact campus planning and budget.

Among the questions P&B will ask VC Bomotti during the January 17 meeting, P&B members considered asking the following:

- What is the plan to deal with grants that do not allow a change in the middle of the award period?
- Can the NRT return cover or mitigate the impacts of the graduate student labor agreement?
- What is your role in deciding the future of the OASIS project?

The meeting was called to a close at 12:30 pm.