

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING & BUDGET
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2023

PRESENT:

Peter Atkinson, Entomology, Chair
Dana Simmons, History, Vice Chair
Reza Abbaschian, Mechanical Engineering
Juliann Allison, Gender & Sexuality Studies
Subramanian Balachander, Business
Roger Lake, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Hiroki Nishimura, Economics
Ayala Rao, Microbiology & Plant Pathology
Frances Sladek, MCSB

ABSENT:

Bronwyn Leebaw, Political Science
David Lo, School of Medicine
Yadong Yin, Chemistry

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

The committee unanimously approved the March 21, 2023 minutes as written.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES/REMINDERS

Chair Atkinson attended the systemwide UCPB meeting on April 4. There were no updates with respect to the UC-UAW labor agreement and research labor cost efforts.

At the April 10 Executive Council meeting, it was determined that the Executive Council would draft and send a memo to the Provost, VCRED, VCPBA, and School of Business Dean regarding the "Transparency in Establishment and Operation of [Campus-Affiliated] Centers," indicating the Executive Council endorses, echoes and relays the calls/concerns articulated in the P&B memo sent to Division Chair Lee about the relationship between the UCR School of Business Center for Economic Forecasting Development (CEFD) and Beacon Economics LLC.

Executive Council's memo would preface and accompany P&B's memo, stating the publicity involving the relationship between the UC Riverside School of Business Center for Economic Forecasting Development (CEFD) and Beacon Economics LLC (Beacon) brought to the front the need to clarify the operating rules for affiliations between UCR Research Centers and external vendors and commercial entities. Although the ties between CEFD and UCR have since been terminated, the incident brings up a set of important issues that go beyond this case.

Moving forward, the Executive Council yearns to take the opportunity brought on by the news coverage of the Beacon Economics LLC to request a review and an implementation of an oversight plan for UCR.

In particular, the Executive Council requests the following:

- (1) Updating the UCR Operating Principles for Research Centers (December 2005);
- (2) Transparency in the establishment procedure and the clarification of reporting timeline, accountable bodies, and reviewing after the establishment;
- (3) Clarification of the UCR faculty appointment and of UCR student involvement in research centers;
- (4) Clarification of UCR licensing agreements entered with external bodies, especially businesses.

Ultimately, Executive Council is concerned with protecting UCR's reputation, to ensure that the research centers bearing the UCR brand do not compromise the prestige and history of UCR.

At the Executive Council meeting, it was also conveyed that Impact23 training is not going as well as hoped for. There are many faculty complaints with respect to the use of financial systems, and there is a great concern due to the fact that no grant submissions will be possible for a 6-week period, from July 1 onwards.

Although Chair Atkinson is not a formal member of the campus OASIS workgroup, he attended a recent workgroup meeting. There will be one or two ladder faculty in the OASIS building. Mostly non-Senate research faculty will occupy the building.

Chair Atkinson also attended a UTLF meeting, along with Linda Walling, the Physical Resources Planning (PRP) Committee Chair. In the UTLF building, there will be six or seven Life Sciences labs and two or three Organic Chemistry labs.

P&B discussed whether UCR and UC Schools/Colleges in general—aside from Engineering/Business Schools—could establish footholds in the market with respect to Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs). The following documents were circulated during the committee's discussion:

[Microsoft Word - SSGPDP topic brief--final \(4.30.18\).docx \(ucop.edu\)](#)

[2022-23 Attachment A Description and Summary rev. 6/6/2022 \(ucop.edu\)](#)

[UC self-supporting graduate professional degree programs, 1972-present \(ucop.edu\)](#)

MEETING WITH DEAN OF SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Yunzeng Wang, Dean of the UCR School of Business, attended this meeting with Kennett Lai, Assistant Dean and CFAO of the School of Business. Dean Wang provided a budget overview for the School of Business. This school year's operating expenses total \$22,193,602 for:

- \$14,569,681 for Academic Salaries & Benefits
- \$3,716,456 for Staff Salaries & Benefits

- \$1,945,224 for TAs
- \$1,093,627 for Operations/Instruction & Research
- \$868,614 for Student Services Units (Grad Admissions, Advising, UG, and CDC)

Of the total \$22,193,602 in operating expenses: Central Core Funds account for \$16,012,073; SSGPDP support accounts for \$6,181,530.

The largest fiscal challenge facing the School of Business is not having enough central funding, causing it to carry a heavier load for operating expenses.

[CAMPUS REVIEW] PROPOSAL: PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINE/POLICY ON RESEARCH LABS

Due to time constraints, the committee decided to continue reviewing the proposed policy on research labs via email.

UC DAVIS BUDGET CONSULTATION PROCESS

P&B discussed the role of FEC Chairs in the UC Davis Budget Consultation Process. In this process, FEC chairs attend budget meetings for their respective schools and colleges and send their post-meeting feedback to CPB. The Senate Chair and Vice Chair attend budget meetings for administrative and academic support units, and they also provide feedback to CPB as necessary.

Chair Atkinson will email members a document that captures input from the UC Davis CPB Chair, Heather Rose. This document might assist members consider whether UCR P&B can develop a Davis-like framework.

It was suggested that the UC Davis CPB Chair, Heather Rose, should be invited to attend a forthcoming UCR P&B meeting to speak to the Committee, expounding more on the UC Davis budget consultation process.

The meeting was called to a close at 1:10pm.