

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING & BUDGET
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

David Lo, School of Medicine
Dana Simmons, History, Vice Chair
Yadong Yin, Chemistry

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

The committee unanimously approved the May 9, 2023 minutes.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES/REMINDERS

Chair Atkinson indicated that the Executive Council met on May 8 and discussed the proposed guideline/policy on research labs. The Executive Council considered all the comments/feedback received from Senate Committees, to include P&B. In a memo to VCPBA, the Executive Council strongly raised these particular points:

- *All colleges should be involved in the development of policies and governing bodies.*
- *Important for faculty and other key stakeholders to be involved.*
- *Policy does not address the real issue of decaying infrastructure and lack of space at UCR.*
- *While guidelines for regular assessment of space usage are necessary and constructive, it cannot take a top-down approach without appropriate involvement of the departments.*
- *The department chairs should be included and engaged throughout the process, as they are "leaders and cheerleaders" with regard to lab space.*
- *Departments have often invested substantial amounts of money in their research space that meets their research and instruction needs. Departments would lose their investments and perhaps decide not to invest like this in the future.*

The Executive Council requested/recommended the following:

- *More research-based faculty must be on the committee on a regular and not on an ad hoc basis.*

- *Senate appointed people need to be on the committee in addition to active consultation and feedback with faculty, in particular with Senate standing committees with relevant purview (for example, Physical Resources and Planning Committee) that are already in place.*
- *Assessment criteria need to be specific.*

Given the critical importance of this topic that directly impacts faculty research, VCPBA was invited to join the Executive Council during its next meeting on May 22, 2023.

Chair Atkinson conveyed that VC Torres will be joining Provost Watkins and VC Bomotti in meeting with P&B on May 23. P&B members were asked to submit questions to be provided to the Provost, VCPBA, and VCRED in advance of the meeting.

P&B members were also asked to continue revising the memo on climate initiative funds, accountability of taxpayer dollars, and outstanding needs of core operations/facilities in UCR Schools/Colleges.

MEETING WITH DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (CHASS)

The Dean of CHASS, Daryle Williams, and CHASS Assistant Dean/CFAO, Cindy Williams, met with P&B and provided a comprehensive presentation on the financial status of CHASS.

The total budget for FY2022 was \$157,711,588. Of this, the overall current year budget/revenue for FY2022 (excluding carry forward money from FY2021) was \$112,583,412. The carry forward for FY2021 was \$45,128,176.

Overall salary and benefits costs (excluding TA salary costs) for FY2022 were \$94,316,602. Overall TA costs for FY2022 were \$8,693,065. Overall start-up costs for FY202 were \$1,317,619.

Currently, a fiscal challenge CHASS is facing is the decline in enrollment which directly impacts revenue to the College. With a decline in enrollment coupled with the recent UAW contract negotiations, CHASS projects a deficit in three basic scenarios that include modest enrollment growth, flat enrollment, and modest decrease in enrollment.

The UAW contracts impose significant financial obligations on the College, particularly for teaching assistantships funded through temporary teaching allocations disbursed by the College. While short-term fixes from central campus for FY2023 and FY2024 are welcome, the College has not yet identified long-term revenues to meet these obligations while simultaneously maintaining faculty and staff at FY2023 levels. Current participation in a workgroup to look at the future of graduate education along with the hire of a new Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies should provide more clarity with the campus vision of the future. It is already clear that the academic colleges need to have greater insight and influence in funded graduate admissions.

Opportunities for growth in CHASS include intentional recruitment and retention, coordination with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education in high-impact learning opportunities and enhanced alignment of academic objectives and career preparation. Constraints include suboptimal educational experiences due to large undergraduate class sizes and/or course

availability, especially in the social sciences; research facilities that fall below student expectations; competition from other colleges.

CHASS' recent fundraising initiative, Beyond Brilliant, was a transitional funding effort focused on student success, with a \$50M goal. It was launched in mid-2021. CHASS is now at 99% of the goal with \$49.48M raised to date. CHASS has raised \$11M or 91.6% of its \$12M goal.

Prior to Beyond Brilliant, CHASS performed extremely well in the Living the Promise campaign, which spanned 10 years and brought in \$312M from all campus units. By the close of the campaign in January 2021, CHASS had brought in \$59,834,650, 133% of its original \$45M goal.

With respect to CHASS' Fundraising Overview for FY23: as of April 4, \$3.84M has been secured and CHASS is 96% to its fundraising goal of \$4M. From a campus perspective, CHASS ranks second in dollars raised in FY23.

[CAMPUS REVIEW ITEMS] FTE REBALANCING – REQUESTS TO CHANGE FTE SPLIT APPOINTMENTS

Planning and Budget discussed the request to change the current FTE appointment percentage of Professor Juan Pablo Giraldo from 25% IR & 75% OR to 50% IR and 50% OR within the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Planning and Budget voted unanimously to support this request.

P&B discussed the request to change the current FTE appointment percentage of Professor David Reznick from 100% IR to 75% IR and 25% OR with the Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Planning and Budget voted unanimously to support this request.

The meeting was called to a close at 1:05pm.