Committee on Academic Planning and Budget  
Kit Chesla, RN, DNSc, FAAN, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, March 19, 2009


ABSENT: C. Apfel, S. Barclay, F. Brodsky, S. Hwang, P. Leong, C. Marmar, S. Marshall, W. Max, I. Sim,

GUESTS: Eric Vermillion, Associate Vice Chancellor, Finance; John Curry and Andrew Laws, The Huron Group

The Committee on Academic Planning and Budget (APB) was called to order by Chair Chesla on March 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in room M 1486. A quorum was present.

The minutes of February 19, 2009 were approved.

Chair’s Report  
Chair Chesla reported on the following from the Executive Budget Committee, including

- Concerns regarding communication with the campus and the faculty, the creation of a new web space for interaction and a town hall mechanism for dissemination and interaction.
- A request for the School of Medicine to host a budget planning town hall meeting for its faculty, and one is scheduled for April.

The committee discussed presentations and information dissemination issues and opportunities across campus.

Report from the University Committee on Planning & Budget (UCPB)  
N. Oppenheimer, the new Vice Chair of UCPB, summarized current activities of UCPB. UCPB discussion included the unwillingness of the state to contribute to the retirement plan, possible staff furlough options considered by UCOP, and potential of federal stimulus monies coming to UC.

Agendas and minutes are posted to the UCPB Web page.

Updates from the Office of Administration and Finance and The Huron Group—Eric Vermillion,  
Associate Vice Chancellor, Finance; John Curry and Andrew Laws, The Huron Group  
Eric Vermillion and representatives from the Huron Group gave an informational update regarding the ongoing budget and process planning of the Office of Finance and the developments of the Huron Group, including new electronic tools and implementation (Attachment 1, paper, no electronic version available).
E. Vermillion and J. Curry addressed questions from the Committee.

See also:
http://budget.ucsf.edu
http://www.cognos.com/

Reports from the Chancellor’s Budget Work Groups
Chair Chesla invited the representatives to the Chancellor’s Budget work groups to report from their particular groups. Draft communications from the three groups may be prepared in time for the next APB meeting April 23.

A. Revenue Generation and Innovation—Steven Cheung
The work group has been striving to identify short, medium, and long-term revenue options. The short-term options suggested are in the early-planning stages and will be further investigated and hopefully accelerated. Deans Bluestone and Koda-Kimble have been asked to present further on the top ideas. There were a lot of good ideas, but few would generate millions or multimillions.

B. Administration and Business Efficiencies—Warren Gold
The work group has been evaluating benefits versus risks of various ideas. This work group includes many representatives from campus administration, and includes the faculty representatives Warren Gold (of APB), Ron Arenson, Rik Dernyck, and Frederick Finzen. Consolidation plans pertain largely to administrative efficiencies. Sustainability ideas are also supported, as well as attempts to improve infrastructure. Unfortunately, furloughs and salary cuts are a hot topic as they are readily effective, but are difficult to enact and detrimental and unwelcome to those they affect. This becomes more complex when considering the population on soft money.

C. Academic and Clinical Programs Efficiencies—Daniel Weiss
The work group has broken up into five subcommittees. There has been an emphasis placed on the determination if ideas will in fact have an impact on the financial condition. VOIP and other considerations may be pushed as the alternatives to practices which are no longer sustainable.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Chesla adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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