Committee on Academic Planning and Budget
Warren Gold, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, June 17, 2010


GUESTS: Rich Schneider, Chair, University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication, Vice Chair, UCSF Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication; Karen Butter, University Librarian

The Committee on Academic Planning and Budget (APB) was called to order by Chair Gold on June 17, 2010 at 1:35 p.m. in room S 30. A quorum was present.

The minutes of April 15, 2010 were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Gold reported on the following:

• Investigation into possible areas of cuts
• Capital projects and independence from state funds (the Institute for Regenerative Medicine is partially funded by specialized state bonds, but not a 19900 UC allocation; Neuroscience, CVRI and new hospital are independent of state funds.)
• The indirect costs impact on capital projects, plus the administrative costs of operations within these sites as well as campus-wide support for the activities within these sites down stream is still a matter of concern to APB.
• State of California Senate and Assembly and the recommendations from the Committee on Higher Education, and
• The proposed language from the Legislative Analyst’s Office dated June 14, 2010 and presented just this morning to Conference Committee on the Budget: Higher Education (!): Page 34/Issue 508 University of California Retirement Plan

Analyst’s Report
This will be the last meeting of APB for the 2009-2010 academic year. Members’ service is greatly appreciated.

Report from the University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB)
UCPB has produced the “Choices Report,” for the University of California, which has been distributed to the campuses and the UC Commission on the Future. This document is on today’s agenda for APB review.
Chair Gold attended the most recent meeting of UCPB and provided an update to the Committee. Agendas and minutes of UCPB meetings are posted to the UCPB Web page.

**Report from the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication Regarding the Potential Boycott of the Nature Publishing Group**

Rich Schneider, Chair, University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication, Vice Chair, UCSF Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication and Karen Butter, University Librarian presented the Committee with a summary of the history of price and license fee negotiations with the Nature Publishing Group. The exorbitant price increases and breakdown of negotiations have led UCOP and the CDL (California Digital Library) to propose a possible boycott of the Nature Publishing Group (NPG) in a letter from UCOPCDL to the UC Faculty.

Systemwide and UCSF Academic Senate members have been participating in these negotiations and discussions, and UCSF faculty have been leaders (notably Rich Schneider and Keith Yamamoto) in this effort to address the serials crisis for the health sciences and the NPG licensing fees in particular.

The issues at hand are clearly set out in the letter from UCOP, the California Digital Library and the (Academic Senate) University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication to the UC Divisional Chairs and Members of the UC Faculty dated June 6, 2010, which opens with ”UC Libraries are confronting an impending crisis in providing access to journals from the Nature Publishing Group (NPG). NPG has insisted on increasing the price of our license for Nature and its affiliated journals by 400 percent beginning in 2011, which would raise our cost for their 67 journals by well over $1 million dollars per year.”

While this letter was an internal communication from faculty leadership to the UC Faculty, the Nature Publishing Group (NPG) responded to this letter in an public statement (PDF, NPG website) on the afternoon of June 9, 2010.

The University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication issued a detailed response to this public letter the following morning, June 10, 2010, sending the communication ”Response from the University of California to the Public statement from Nature Publishing Group regarding subscription renewals at the California Digital Library” to members of the UC Faculty.

These documents, and new documents as the issue progresses, are available via the Academic Senate website (http://senate.ucsf.edu/) under “Issues Under Review,” “Information on the Potential Boycott of the Nature Publishing Group.” These are also linked to the online minutes as Attachments 1, 2 and 3.

The Committee discussed the broader issues and ramifications of academic serials subscriptions and the Committee as a whole strongly supported the efforts of COLASC and UCOLASC and is interested in continuing to monitor the progress of the possible paradigm shift and continuing to support the undertaking.

**Review and Discussion: UCPB Choices Report**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Choices Report produced by UCPB and dated March 2010 (Attachment 4). The Committee discussed several points of the report, including specific decisions and general philosophy and processes. Chair Gold intends to take these comments back with him to the next UCPB meeting (postponed to July 27, 2010). Chair Gold also asked that committee members submit any additional specific comments they may have to him via e-mail and he will bring them to the conversation at UCPB.
End of Year Review
Chair Gold led the Committee in a discussion of the current state of the University, the campus, and ideas for the Committee to address in the coming year. The Committee is concerned regarding the Chancellor’s working concept of shared governance and would like to have more Senate faculty and diverse faculty (i.e. not just the Division Chair) representation on all administrative working groups and task forces.

New CIO and Director of OAAIS (returning to the name ITS) Elazar Harel was able to attend this meeting and addressed some of the changes to the IT infrastructure both for the campus and the clinical enterprise.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Gold adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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