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

MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2009

PRESENT:       W. Gold (Chair), S. Cheung (Vice Chair), E. Foster, N. Hessol, C. Kennedy, J. Lee, P. Leong, H. Lipton, C. Marmar, W. Max, I. Sim, J. Strober, K. Topp, C. Tsourounis, D. Weiss, L. Yamauchi


GUESTS:        Jane Wong, Director of Application Services and Interim Chief Operating Officer, Office of Academic and Administrative Information Systems (OAAIS)

The Committee on Academic Planning and Budget (APB) was called to order by Chair Gold on September 17, 2009 at 1:35 p.m. in room S 118. A quorum was present.

The minutes of August 10, 2009 were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Gold welcomed the Committee and gave an orientation for new and returning members. Members are asked to be familiar with the committee bylaws and the member resources published online at http://senate.ucsf.edu/memberresources/academicplanningandbudget.html.

Steven Cheung, Vice Chair of APB, reported from the Academic Senate Leadership Retreat. Resources and information from the Academic Senate Leadership Retreat are available on the Academic Senate website via http://senate.ucsf.edu.

The Committee noted that the Academic Senate is aware of but was not the entity calling for the proposed faculty walk out on September 24. The systemwide and divisional Senates are expected to issue a statement of awareness but neutrality on this issue.

Chair Gold reviewed the August 27, 2009 Communication from Academic Council Chair Mary Croughan to UCOP Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Academic Affairs Larry Pitts regarding the updated (August 25, 2009) Principles to Guide Fiscal Decision-Making and Planning for the Future of the University of California (Attachment 2) and some of the funding issues at the state and UCOP level.

The Committee discussed possible futures of the University and the possible shift in values.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations made by the Committee to the Chancellor at the end of the past academic year regarding funding priorities of the limited Chancellor’s stimulus funds, and the communication from the Chancellor indicating the final funding status and allocations (send via e-mail to the Committee as the file “FY 2009-10 State General Fund Budget Letter 7-8-09”).
Report from the University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB)
Chair Gold is also serving this year as this campus representative to the University Committee on Planning and Budget. This Committee has not yet met this year. Agendas and minutes will be posted to the UCPB Web page.

Discussion Item: Concerns Regarding Student Fee Increases and the Risk Towards UC Privatization
As Raised in the Article by Charlie Schwartz (UC Berkeley) in the Daily Beast:
http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~schwartz/Beast.pdf (Attachment 1)
Using the attached article as a launching point, Chair Gold led the Committee in a discussion of the UC student fee increases and its impact on the University mission.

The Committee continued discussion of the rising cost and diminishing value of the educational product of UC and UCSF, and related issues of physical and technological infrastructure.

Status Update and Campus Planning for IT Infrastructure and Services
The Office of Academic and Administrative Information Systems (OAAIS) is still searching for a Chief Information Officer. R. Lopez, the Chief Executive Officer, is also serving as the campus’ Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. Jane Wong, Director of Application Services, is also serving as the Interim Chief Operating Officer of OAAIS (see OAAIS organization chart here) and was able to speak to some of the infrastructure challenges on this campus. It is also hoped that this Committee could assist in establishing an IT infrastructure as a funding priority for UC and UCSF.

Warren Gold introduced the topic by referencing rumors regarding the UCare (electronic medical record) system in the medical center. Larry Loterno, Chief Information Officer of the Medical Center joined the meeting at 3:00 and provided a brief history of the development partnership with GE, and the Medical Center pull out from an unsatisfactory and untenable financial and working relationship with GE, which could not deliver a product in a useful or timely fashion (regarding pharmacy orders and Computerized Provider Order Entry, or CPOE). The Medical Center and the Ambulatory Care Center are now looking for other and better products/systems to implement at UCSF (rather than develop new ones in technology partnership). The leading vendors in this field which are being investigated by the Medical Center IT organization are Epic, Siemens, Eclipsys, and Cerner.

Committee members raised many questions, including issues regarding transition, implementation logistics, billing, integration, and urgency. Additional concerns included the importance of addressing clinical research requirements and representation on the evaluation committee. L. Loterno will share the list of members on the evaluation committee and welcomes additional recommendations.

This endeavor is not expected to remedy the issues of campus and Medical Center interoperability but that is being examined in cooperation with the office of the Executive Vice Chancellor.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

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

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