

2006-2007 Annual Report
Committee on Academic Planning & Resource Allocation

In fulfilling its charge as established in the by-laws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Academic Planning & Resource Allocation (CAPRA) carried out the following activities.

CAMPUS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on a series of interviews held with the heads of the units reporting to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, and key administrators, CAPRA focused its budget recommendations to the Chancellor and EVC&P on what it considered six resource issues of the highest priority. The committee deemed the most critical for the institution is to maintain excellence in the core missions of instruction and research. This includes: closing the competitive gap in faculty salaries, boosting inadequate temporary academic staff budgets, and enhancing graduate fellowship support.

Three infrastructure issues were identified as key to supporting the core mission. CAPRA singled out the Library's acquisition budget, classroom educational technology along with other student systems, and student mental health as presently lacking adequate resources to support the academic enterprise.

As in its previous budget documents, CAPRA again called attention to its concern in regard to the yearly operating deficit incurred by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA). Although the deficit has decreased significantly since 2004-05, it continues to depend on campus discretionary funds to fill the gap. CAPRA again urged that campus officials adopt its recommendation to reduce the operating deficit to zero or break-even in 10 years.

CAPRA received a response on its 2006-07 budget recommendations from EVC&P Breslauer. Many of the committee's suggestions were incorporated into the resulting allocation decisions. In particular, EVC Breslauer acknowledged the critical need to renovate classrooms, and to furnish them with appropriate technology. To this end, the Chancellor committed more funding this year, and will maintain this support for the foreseeable future.

The Divisional Council endorsed the CAPRA budget recommendations, and has asked that the Chancellor provide the Senate with a written report by September 15, 2007 on how, and to what extent, the committee's recommendations were incorporated into his budget decisions.

The Budget office has been asked to furnish the committee with information on indirect cost recovery on contracts and grants, cost recovery on gifts, and other discretionary fund sources available to the Chancellor, and to furnish a breakdown on how these discretionary funds are distributed. This data will help the committee in its deliberations for the FY07-08 budget.

CAPITAL PROJECTS & ACADEMIC PLANNING

CAPRA had representatives on the following committees:

- Berkeley Art Museum/Film Archives project
- Campbell Hall replacement
- Hearst Gymnasium project
- Memorial Stadium Program Committee
- Law-Business Connection Program Committee
- joint LBNL/campus NanoHelios building committee.
- Research Support Advisory Committee
- Deferred Maintenance Policy Board

The CAPRA Chair serves ex-officio on the following:

- Executive Campus Planning Committee
- Campus Technology Committee
- Space Assignments and Capital Improvements
- University Athletics Board(UAB)
- UAB Budget Subcommittee

Reviewed plans for:

- Haas School of Business Center for Executive Development
- Southeast Quadrant
- Community health services center on the site of the California Public Health Services building
- Downtown Berkeley Center Plan
- Campus Master Plan for bike transportation
- Old Art Gallery Building

COMMENTED ON AND REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS, POLICIES, AND REPORTS:

- Proposed Guiding Principles for Professional School Fees
- Emeriti parking: joint memorandum from Faculty Welfare & University Emeriti Relations Committees
- UC faculty scholarly work copyright rights policy
- Synopsis of the present status of UC merit and promotion principles of and policy recommendations for UC faculty compensation
- Recommendations from the Joint Academic Senate and UCOP Workgroup in Recycling multi-campus research units (MRU) funds
- Energy Biosciences proposal
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- UCAP proposed modifications to Academic Personnel Policies (APM) 220-18b(4), at its next meeting.
- Operating budgets for the California Institutes for Sciences and Innovation (CISIO: request for information from Academic Council

- Five-year State funded Capital projects budget: this was the first year that CAPRA reviewed this document prior to it being sent from the campus to UCOP.
- Regents report on “Student Mental Health Initiatives and Financial Implications”

In its capacity as a member of the Program Review Oversight Committee, CAPRA was involved in the following department reviews:

- African-American Studies
- Graduate School of Education
- Music
- Political Science
- Statistics

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

A member of CAPRA is appointed co-chair of the Chancellor’s Joint Oversight Committee on Parking.

PRIORITIES FOR 2007-08

As noted in the summary of activities above, the Committee continues to be engaged in the issues it identified as priorities for 2006-07:

- Explore financial models to augment state budget support
- Faculty salary funding
- Capital campaign priorities
- TAS budget
- Intercollegiate Athletic budget

Along with these concerns, CAPRA will add several items to its 2007-08 agenda, including:

- privatization trends
- impacts of parking and transportation on the campus community
- distribution of resources across departments
- deferred maintenance
- construction funding models
- shaping an efficient research institution to meet the challenges of the 21st century