

AY2024-2025 Budget and Planning Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 19th, 2024

10:00-11:30 AM

BDC 134A-Conference Room

Present: D. Wu (chair), MA. Naser (vice chair), L. Bui, R. Dugan, K. Susa, MG. de Jesus, Y. Zhong, I. Pesco, E. Pruitt, L. Hernandez, J. Rodriguez (ex-officio; on Zoom), M. Danforth (ex-officio), N. Hayes (ex-officio).

- I. Call to Order
 1. Meeting started at 10:02 a.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda
 1. K. Susa moved to approve, E. Pruitt seconded, motion approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 1. L. Bui moved to approve, R. Dugan seconded, minutes approved unanimously.
- IV. Introductions/ Announcements
 1. There was no new introduction.
 2. No announcement from the chair.
 3. R. Dugan shared that the calendar committee did not meet yet.
 4. E. Pruitt informed that several students shared concerns about meal plan changes. Students feel that prices are high. They have been encountering issues with QR codes. They were concerned that they cannot take food away. Students were also not happy that the Runner Café closes at 7:30 p.m. Overall, there has been confusion and miscommunication. Pruitt told the committee that students were eagerly waiting to know who will be announced next week as the permanent president of the university.
 5. M. Danforth reported that the Senate was still in the process of following up on the concerns raised in the first meeting of the Senate with the office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Last week the Senate Chair was at the President's search meeting. They were told that they would get an email 15 minutes before the Board of Trustees announcement. The Chair also informed that the executive committee already has a very robust, lengthy agenda. So, if new referrals are made, probably that is not going to be discussed until October.
- V. New Business
 1. 2024-2025 Referral 09 - Academic Testing Center
 - a. The committee had a detailed discussions on this referral item from previous year. Chair Wu mentioned that last year the committee had some discussions but did not get a chance to develop any resolution. Last year the Chair visited the office of the Director of Academic Testing Center (ATC) and learned about different models of ATC and how much it would cost to run those centers. Three possible models were discussed: a) a classroom type testing center, b) the current testing center, and c) potential expansion of the current center. The classroom type testing center would be the most expensive one. It was discussed whether the university would commit a large amount of budget for an expanded testing center. It was also raised whether there was any survey by ASI to find out what type of testing centers the students prefer. I. Pesco informed the committee that before the pandemic the students were opposed to having tests in the testing center because students won't be able to ask questions to the faculty about the

tests if those are held in ATC. Equity and accommodation for SSD students were also discussed. The committee decided to communicate with ASSSC to find out their status on this referral and how that committee would like to approach this issue. This committee did not move forward or approve any resolution.

2. 2024-2025 Referral 12 - Proposal for New Minors Ethnic Studies, Feminist Ethnic Studies, and Queer Ethnic Studies
 - a. The committee also discussed on this referral item from the previous year. Chair Wu said that last year the BPC had a chance to look at the proposal and made some initial recommendations. Last year's conversations focused on whether the new Department of Ethnic Studies has the faculty resources to teach courses for these additional minors. During this meeting, several committee members also asked whether additional funding will be needed to offer the three minors. MG. de Jesus, who is a faculty in Ethnic Studies, informed the committee that no additional funding will be needed. Nor the department will need to hire any new faculty. The department currently has the faculty resources to offer these minors. The committee decided that Chair Wu will talk to the Department of Ethnic Studies and the budget office to do some initial assessment regarding the resources and the budget needed for these minors. He will share the initial findings with the committee members and communicate with AAC to check their status on this referral. Then the two committees may come up with a joint resolution.
- VI. Old Business
 1. 2024-2025 Referral 03 - New Degree Program Bachelor of Music
 - a. Chair Wu told the committee that both AAC and BPC made substantial progress in this referral. Chair of the AAC shared a draft resolution with Chair Wu. He shared the draft with the committee members. After discussions, the committee approved the proposal.
 2. 2024-2025 Referral 08 - Faculty Hiring Prioritization-Position Control
 - a. Chair Wu shared some data on position control growth by position type. He compiled this data from the University Budget book. It was found that the MPP growth outpaced faculty.
- VII. Announcement from the Provost
 - a. Provost Rodriguez joined the meeting via Zoom, as he was traveling. Dr. Rodriguez also participated in the discussion on ATC. He told the meeting that he would want the committee to think about the balance between the needs of the students and the faculty. He also suggested to come up with the specific definition for the center. Then the implementation issues need to be addressed. On other businesses, the provost talked about the CSU Board of Trustees' meeting next week where an announcement will be made on the selection of the permanent president of CSUB. He also informed the committee that his office is going to support department chairs attending the CSU systemwide chair training. He further talked about supporting new chairs. Dr. Rodriguez also shared that he had conversations with AVP Sumaya about the allocation of additional resources to support faculty research and creative activities.
- VIII. Open Forum
 1. None
- IX. Adjourn

1. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.