

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES & PLANNING COMMITTEE
February 21, 2014
Corbett Conference Room from 1-2:30 PM

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erick Eschker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joyce Lopes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Snyder (Called in)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Craig Wruck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rae Robison, CAHSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gina Pierce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce O’Gara, CNRS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gay Hylton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Rizzardi, CNRS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Volga Koval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vikash Lakhani
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peg Blake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randi Darnall Burke

Notes:

1. VP budget request presentation: Academic Affairs

Committee members were provided with a packet including a list of the budget requests, an evaluation sheet for ranking each request 1-5 (1 is low and 5 is high) and the details submitted for each request. Committee members participated in a Q&A discussion regarding the budget requests. A couple of committee members could not be present, so highlights of the discussion follow:

Academic Affairs requests benefits funding to cover the existing shortfall due in part to rate increases and the high level of lecturer salary and benefits that are not base budgeted.

Funding for 10 Tenure-Track faculty positions and 1 Criminology lecturer position are requested at a level substantially lower than cost, because the additional funding will come from existing divisional funds. In order for the searches to proceed in 2014-15, the Provost asks for a commitment of funds from the committee, to be allocated in 2015-16.

Funding is requested for the Retention and Inclusive Student Success (RISS) organization. The highest priority within the RISS budget requests is for the Centers for Academic Excellence to close the achievement gap of underrepresented minority students, whose six-year graduation rates are 13% lower than average. A second request from RISS is to fund the Retention through Academic Mentoring Program (RAMP) for a third year using one-time funds in 2014-15. Also included in RISS budget requests are operating and management personnel expenses. The level of funding needed for the success of the

RISS initiative remains unclear as the unit is in its first year of operation. Outside grant funding will be sought to help fund RAMP and the Centers for Academic Excellence in future years.

The remaining Academic Affairs budget requests pertain to the eLearning organization, which provides a combination of online and hybrid courses in partnership with Extended Education. Some of the courses are fully self-supported, while others are state-side online courses. Online courses help students obtain a full schedule and reduce the load on our facilities. One request will help to stabilize the operation by funding the existing employees. Initially a base request, it was moved to one-time due to the limited funds available in base for 2014-15. A second request was made to suspend the self-support payment into the General Fund that was necessary during budget reductions in prior years.

2. Facilities Working Group 2014-15 project list presentation: Traci Ferdolage

The Governor's Proposal to fold debt service into our CSU budget will allow re-financing of existing bond debt and allows the CSU to seek additional funding for future projects. Eventually HSU will see additional funding, but it will likely be earmarked for specific types of projects such as seismic upgrades, deferred maintenance (\$105 million), accessibility and infrastructure.

The Facilities Working Group (FWG) meets to help prioritize project needs. They meet every two weeks during the Academic Year. The proposed projects are meant to fund campus-based projects, under the Capital Project minimum level of \$610K. The campus was given a period of time to submit ranked proposals for consideration at the FWG. The recommendation was reviewed with the VPs before coming before the URPC.

The projects being proposed are meant to address programmatic issues and help to keep our deferred maintenance costs down. Programmatic is defined as movement to achieve programmatic goals such as consolidations, co-location, new initiative spaces such as the Centers for Academic Excellence, and other space changes related to new and existing programs.

A question was asked about the level of movement around campus and will these moves remain for enough years to be a viable use of funding. The goal is to create flexible spaces designed to support a variety of uses. Flexible furniture within open spaces will allow for the movement of furniture rather than walls, to address future programmatic needs. The proposed projects will result in the reduction of one MPP position and two additional faculty offices for the campus. Many of the projects also address

the most pressing of our deferred maintenance concerns. The portfolio is \$1.7 million. \$450K has been committed from within the Divisions. \$750K has been committed from the Rent of Facilities Trust. \$565K is requested from the URPC. Should the full amount of funding not be approved, the FWG requests that URPC decide on the funding level that can be accommodated and the FWG will re-prioritize the projects. The interdependency of the projects requires the FWG to decide the priority ranking of the projects based on the amount approved by URPC.

3. Final Notes and Next Steps

Committee members will submit their ranking sheets to the Budget Office via email to:

budget@humboldt.edu no later than Tuesday, February 25th at 5:00pm. The results will be compiled and distributed for discussion at the meeting on February 28, 2014.