

MINUTES
Program Review Committee (PRC)
June 17, 2004 Meeting
111A Conference Room

Members Present:	R. Attiyeh	Absent:	M. Appelbaum
	P. Cowhey		R. Arneson
	F. Deak		P. Drake
	M. Hart		M. Esposito
	E. Macagno		R. Sullivan
	D. Miller		T. Tolin
	P. Mirsky (for Schottlaender)		
	J. Posakony		
	B. Rickett (for B. Minster)	Consultants:	D. McGraw
	F. Seible		H. Szkorla
	J. Talbot		
	M. Thiemens	Guests:	B. Horstmann
	D. Wulbert		

Announcements

AVC Miller reviewed budget handout 06/04 (1) and 06/04 (2) on the 2004/05 budget and proposed Compact between the State and UC. He also reviewed recruitment statistics for the current year and reported that there are a total of 32 acceptances and 28 separations to date in Academic Affairs. Thirty-four percent of the acceptances are female and 15% represent ethnic minorities. There are a total of 16 retentions including several that are not yet official. Three of these have been successfully retained, 4 are still in process, and 6 were unsuccessful.

Miller reported on the Instructional Improvement Program allocations made for 2004/05. Ten of the 22 proposals were funded and a total of \$31,468 will be allocated in support of these initiatives.

Miller noted that there are 98 Freshmen Seminars scheduled for 2004/05, including 44 for the Fall and 48 for the Winter quarter. Fifty-two of the total are repeat offerings.

Miller announced that the WASC accreditation effort is underway under the leadership of AVC Mark Appelbaum. Three committees will guide this effort: a Senate committee; an administration based steering committee; and a working committee of various SVCAA and Campus representatives.

Annual Reports

Miller invited the Deans, Librarian and Senate Chairs to make brief reports on the highlights of the 2003/04 year and the results of recruitment activities within the divisions.

Jan Talbot provided a handout on the activities and issues affecting the Academic Senate. She discussed the Senate's deliberations over the budget and enrollment issues facing the University. She also indicated that the Senate was in favor of a firewall to protect undergraduate financial aid. Additionally, the Senate dealt with the issue of students on probation which is a negligible problem at UCSD. She briefly reviewed the other issues on her handout.

Barney Rickett from the Planning and Budget Committee reported that across the UC, the financial condition of the University Extensions were of great concern. Fortunately, our Extension programs have been able to weather the economic downturn better than many of the other campuses. The PRC members asked SVC Miller to invite Director Walshok to the first meeting of the PRC in 2004/05 to review her programs and the financial performance of ESPP in the last couple of years. Miller reported that administration has very productive interactions with ESPP management on their budgetary issues.

Jim Posakony of the Graduate Council reported on the efforts to implement the changes and improvements to the graduate program review process that were recommended last year. Much progress has been made in cleaning up the backlog of scheduled reviews. He reported that the first of the three Masters of Advanced Studies (MAS) programs are coming due for review, and also that the Council had met with Acting Chancellor Chandler regarding the need for more fellowship funding. New issues for the coming year include keeping the program review process on track, doing a broad campus survey of the need for fellowship funding, and studying how material collected for accreditation reviews may be integrated into the review progress to avoid duplicating effort.

Phylliss Mirsky reported on the libraries. A key service goal for the Library is to teach students to access digital resources. On the Collections front, electronic collections represents an increasing expense for the Libraries. Many agreements do provide access to back files which is a significant benefit. This spring, the Associated Students requested 24-hour access to the Libraries during finals and were willing to provide funding from the AS budget to provide this service. In response, (as a pilot), the Geisel Library was kept open until 2:00am. Headcount checks at 1:00 am on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday revealed 290, 315, and 292 students respectively at Geisel and 238, 346, and 352 students at CLICS. This was determined to be a success. The Libraries also received two significant grants from Mellon this year: \$650K for a joint catalog project with Harvard and other distinguished institutions; and \$850K with NYU and other East coast schools to develop an archivist toolkit. Budgetary concerns resulted in the cancellation of \$300K worth of print journals in 2004, and another \$250K in 2005. Google became the campus internet search engine this year. Finally, the Biomedical Library renovation/expansion project is expected to begin this summer. There is currently a \$900K budget problem due to steel prices. The decision was made to relocate the Biomedical collection to Geisel during the construction project in order to save \$1M.

Dean Seible, JSOE, provided a handout describing the recruitment highlights of the current year and JSOE initiatives. JSOE has 4 acceptances and 2 outstanding offers. There are also 9 files in progress and Dean Seible is optimistic that many of these will also be successful. The significant recruitment issues for JSOE are funding for startup and the cost of housing in San Diego. Junior faculty are looking for \$700K - \$900K in startup funding. He commented that some other institutions are able to manage this expectation by leveraging established core facilities. New initiatives in the past year include the Center for Networked Systems, with initial funding from AT&T. Dr. Andrew Chien in CSE is leading this effort, which is envisioned as an industry supported joint activity with CSE and ECE. JSOE was selected this year as a site for the State funded COSMOS – California State Summer School of Mathematics and Science – program. The program will launch here in the summer of 2005 with 80 students who will live on campus for four weeks. Finally, the Los Alamos National Laboratory Educational Program is developing beyond original expectations and now includes 10,000 square feet of space in the Los Alamos Research Park dedicated to collaborative efforts between JSOE and LANL.

Dean Macagno, Biological Sciences, reported on a very successful recruiting year for Biology. He anticipates 12 successful hires. Four are female, and 2 represent ethnic minorities. Because of this unexpectedly successful year, space is an issue. Similar to JSOE, startup funding is a chronic issue. The least expensive startup was \$500K in Ecology and they ranged on up to \$900K in Neurobiology. Charles Zuker was elected to the National Academy, and the division began the implementation of the joint Brain Mind Institute with a founding gift of \$7.5M from the Kavli Foundation. Nick Spitzer and Jeff Elman (Cognitive Science) jointly direct this new program. The division had \$25M in research activity this year, anticipates 3,300 majors in the Fall of 2004 and expects 39 or 40 new PhD students. The Human Biology Major has taken off, growing from 80 to 400 majors. Biology students have started a new student organization and have begun publishing the "Saltman Quarterly." The development of core facilities is a significant issue for Biology and will be a priority for fundraising efforts.

Dean Thiemens, Physical Sciences, reviewed this year's recruitment activity in the division. Out of 22 recruitments, 10 were successful. Of those, 3 are women, and one is a Nobel Prize Winner. For one of these the new Partner Opportunity Program made the difference in their decision to come to UCSD. Two of the successful recruitments are in the new Computational Science program. One significant recruitment represented a two-year joint effort with Biological Sciences. A key problem for the division is starting salaries. The average Assistant Prof salary is 63K compared to the budgeted unit of \$48.9K. Similarly, \$660K is the average Assistant Professor startup in Chemistry.

Dean Deak, Arts and Humanities, reported on a total of 30 recruitments, 16 net new and 14 replacements. There have been nine successful recruitments, including 5 Assistant, 2 Associate and 2 Professors, of which there are 5 women and 2 minorities. Two recruitments were unsuccessful, and 13 are in process – 6 at CAP, and 7 working their way through department processes. There were 7 separations this year, including 3 retirements, and 3 unsuccessful retentions. Startup is generally not a problem in the Arts and Humanities except for high tech areas such as computing in the arts. Assistant Prof salaries are escalating and coming close to Associates'. Fifty-five thousand is not unusual for an Assistant Prof. The private schools have more flexibility in their processes to respond to competitive situations. A significant initiative in Arts and Humanities is the 7-year old project to institute a program in high tech computing in the arts. The ICAM program now has 700 majors and results in the department of Visual Arts having the most majors in the division. This program has integrated well with Sixth College's focus on technology and arts, and combined with interest from CalIT2, resulted in the allocation of 2 targeted FTE in this area.

Dean Cowhey, IR/PS, reported on 2 successful recruitments, and one very key successful retention. The class size increased 50% in AY 2003/04 and this huge growth is expected to be maintained in the new incoming class. There is some uncertainty about the fees and tuition levels that will be applied to IR/PS students, which will be a significant problem if it does not get clarified soon. The External Review was very positive with one of the central recommendations being that IR/PS develop more of an expertise in public policy programming. The Center for US-Mexican Studies was successfully integrated into IR/PS this year and the new directors have concentrated on developing a set of new initiatives that will make this Center a stronger player in the field. IR/PS is very proud of a number of joint initiatives with many of the other Divisions and VC areas of campus. One example includes a Carnegie funded project with Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences to provide training to students on issues of public policy and public threats. IR/PS is also working closely with CalIT2 and SDSC on a joint environmental program on the "Brown Cloud".

Miller requested that the Deans who were not present make a short verbal report on this year's recruitment activity and other noteworthy initiatives at the first meeting of 2004/05. Dean Drake, Social Sciences, provided a handout of his report.

Charting the Course III Allocations

With little time left, Miller quickly reviewed the preliminary Charting the Course III allocations of new new FTE and support funding. Handout 06/04 (3).

Update on Graduate and Undergraduate Admissions

Dean Attiyeh quickly reviewed graduate enrollments on handout 06/04 (4). Miller asked the committee members to review handout 06/04 (5) on undergraduate enrollments.

Debbie McGraw
Executive Secretary