




Committee on Planning & Budget

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Re: Proposal for a New Master Degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management

On May 30, 2017, the Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed and discussed the proposal to establish a Master's of Science in Supply Chain and Logistics Management degree program at UCR within the School of Business Administration (SOBA).

CPB has non-trivial concerns about the proposal. These concerns would be echoed by the system-wide review of the proposal and should be addressed before continuing:

* The budget is not in the proper form necessary to determine if the program is self-supporting. A few examples of difficulties are listed below.

-Exhibit II does not explain how indirects are calculated. While the footnotes provide guidance, they are not specific. For instance, footnote 3 does not state what services, facilities, or staff time are or are not supported by the SOBA indirect rate, nor how that rate is figured. Answers to question 18 are not sufficient and not included in the official proposal.

-The budget only supplies \$10-12K for readers. \$12K in reader support for 25 students per year is not nearly sufficient. It would support approximately 1 TA for 1 quarter.

-The budget item for a director is unclear. \$25K/year is very low. It is not clear if this is the faculty director or a staff position.

-The attached spreadsheet is recommended from the system-wide committee on planning and budget as a way of accounting for all activities. As they will be reviewing the final document, we recommend its use.

- * There are only two academic letters of review of this proposal. Furthermore, both are from within the UC, and one of the reviewers (Corbett) did not see the proposal prior to writing his letter.
- * There is no faculty-involved professionalization component of the degree program.
- * Placement of graduates in careers is left to the Career Center. It is not clear if the Career Center has the expertise necessary to place students of this specialized graduate program. Further, the Career Center would need to be compensated for the effort for this to be a self-supporting program.
- * The "tuition per course" and "tuition" columns on the table on page 14 do not match for USC and UCR.
- * The proposal states that it was approved by the faculty in 2015. Whether this approval was by vote or not, and the extent of the participation of the faculty in the approval is not clear. Additionally, as the approval was from two years ago, it is not clear the extent to which the faculty's approval applies to the current version.
- * The CPEC standards are no longer required by the Compendium. Please see Appendix C of http://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/_files/compendium_sept2014.pdf for current educational review criteria.