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From September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, the Committee on Planning & Budget (P&B) met a total of 24 times, with an average meeting length of 2 hours. The Committee discussed and considered several business items from the campus and from Office of the President.

Campus level review subjects:

- P&B reviewed and supported FTE transfers for 11 faculty.
- Proposal to establish a Shrimad Rajchandra Endowed Chair in Jain Studies – P&B supported the proposal, but prefaced its recommendation with a comment regarding requirements for selecting candidates that may impact academic freedom.
- Proposal to Establish the Teresa and Byron Endowed Term Chairs for Interdisciplinary Research and Learning in the Humanities and Social Sciences – The Committee discussed and supported the proposal with no further comment.
- Proposal to establish the Stapleton Presidential Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the School of Business Administration - The Committee discussed and supported the proposal with no further comment.
- Proposal to Establish a New Master Degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management – The Committee reviewed the proposal and expressed concern regarding the budget not being in the proper form to determine if the program was self-supporting. P&B asked for clarification on a number of items before providing a recommendation.
- Proposal for an Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Biophysics – The Committee was overall supportive, but felt three points should be more carefully considered: review of the proposed course schedule to ensure adherence to the current course requirements, impact of reduction/increase of PhD students in the established programs of participating faculty, and the allocation/administering of TA support for PhD Students.
- Proposal to transfer of the Public Policy Major from CHASS to SPP – P&B discussed the proposal and was in support.
- P&B reviewed the following proposed name changes and was in support: Proposal to change the name of the School of Business Administration to the School of Business, Proposal to change the name of the Department of Biology to the Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology, Proposal to change the name of the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology to the Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology, Proposal to change the name of the Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages to the Department of Comparative Literature and Languages, Proposal to change the name of the Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience to the Department of Molecular, Cell, and Systems Biology.
- Proposed changed to the School of Medicine Bylaw Change ME, ME2.1, ME5.2.5.3, ME5.3, ME5.3.1, ME5.4.1, ME5.4.2, ME5.5, ME5.5.1, ME5.8, and ME5.8.3 - P&B discussed the proposal and was in support.
Systemwide level review subjects:

- P&B reviewed the following proposed policy revisions and was in general support: Technical Revisions to APM – 190, Presidential Policy on International Activities, and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy.

In addition, the Committee held meetings with all Academic Deans and select non-academic unit heads to discuss the yearly budget process. Deans and unit heads were invited to share their feedback on the new budget process, its impact and future projections for the units. Through the chair, the Committee also participated in the Campus’s governance committee that reviewed and made recommendations about the budget requests for all non-academic units.

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