

PLANNING, RESOURCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruschke, Jon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hallett, Cassandra	<input type="checkbox"/> Oseguera, Tonantzin
<input type="checkbox"/> Chávez, Minerva	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Huang, Jidong	<input type="checkbox"/> Rodriguez, Eric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coley, Ron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim-Goh, Mikyong	<input type="checkbox"/> Saks, Greg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dabirian, Amir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mallicoat, Stacy (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stambough, Stephen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davis, Anthony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McConnell, Craig	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas, Carolyn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> De Lijser, Peter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meyer, Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> Virjee, Framroze
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forgues, David	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell, Joshua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yong, Emeline
<input type="checkbox"/> Garcia, Danielle (designee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nagai, Nelson	

Guests: Ghosh, Graylee, Hidalgo, Lipnisky, McDougal, Scialdone for Oseguera, Seung, Sha, Zarate

I. Call to Order

- 1.1 Chair Mallicoat called to order at 1:00 PM

II. Announcements

- 2.1 No announcements.

III. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1 M/S/P (Meyer/ McConnell) Motion to approve minutes from February 25, 2022. Minutes approved, subject to correction section I, Call to Order.

IV. New Business

- 4.1 Communicative Disorders B.S. and M.S. Proposal

Presentation on a degree designation change proposal delivered by Dr. HyeKyeung Seung, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The proposal seeks to change the degree designation for the B.A in Communicative Disorders and M.A. in Communicative Disorders to a B.S. in

Communicative Disorders, and M.S. in Communicative Disorders respectively. Similar offerings at other institutions have an “of science” designation. The change would better reflect the standards set for clinical certification in the discipline. It’s believed that the amendment would aid in student recruitment.

Q&A:

Q: (Chair Mallicoat) Are other CSU campuses proposing the same change to their Communicative Disorders programs?

A: (Seung) I had heard that SDSU attempted the same change but was unsuccessful.

Q: (Huang) Will there be any curricular changes?

A: (Seung) There will be no changes to curriculum for either program. Since this is a change in designation only, we don’t anticipate any budgetary impact.

Q: (de Lisjer) Did these programs change over the years from when a BA/ MA were appropriate designations but are not appropriate any longer?

A: (Seung) The program hasn’t substantially changed, though we have created new course offerings over the years.

M/S/P (Meyer/ Kim-Goh) Motion to approve the designation change to establish a B.S. in Communicative Disorders and M.S. in Communicative Disorders

4.2 Electrical Engineering/ Computer Engineering Merger

Presentation on a proposal to merge the Electrical Engineering Department (EE) and Computer Engineering Program (CpE) into a single Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering delivered by Dr. Pratanu Ghosh, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The proposal combining these two areas into a single department is consistent with what’s seen in other institutions across the country. It would benefit faculty and students by promoting cross-disciplinary scholarly activity, providing more educational and research opportunities for students, and bring greater visibility to the newly combined department from local industry.

The proposal does not intend to affect existing faculty in either department. Provisions have been made to grandfather in the RTP process and rights of current faculty. The merger does not significantly impact staff, though there may be reassignment of duties. It’s not anticipated that there is a significant budgetary impact except for a one-time cost of \$7,250.

The proposers did an initial survey of students, asking their feedback on the proposed merger. The results show that students were mostly supportive of the change. There was some concern from faculty and staff that included questions about the RTP process and the potential for additional staff workload. The proposers believe that these concerns can be resolved through internal discussion within the combined department.

Q&A:

Q: (Chair Mallicoat) Will the change mean cross-listed offerings in both departments? Will it be a study plan that includes courses from both areas?

A: (Ghosh) It will be a study plan

A: (Huang) The proposal does not immediately change course designations. We hope that by merging into a single department it reduces barriers students encounter when trying select courses currently offered by separate departments. In the long run, faculty may decide whether it would be helpful to offer certain courses under a single designation.

Q: (VP Dabirian) Why is the merger necessary if the goal is to give students flexibility to take courses from both departments? Can't they do that now?

A: (Huang) As two separate departments courses with similar content may compete with each other and incentivize departments to direct their students to their own offerings. We hope get away from that by merging into a similar department.

Q: (Meyer) Have you considered offering a single degree with two different concentrations?

A: (Huang) Ultimately, we felt that there is enough difference between the two programs that different concentrations would not be sufficient.

Q: (Chair Mallicoat) Will the proposed merger impact recruiting new faculty?

A: (Ghosh) The Dean proposed that there will be no planned recruitment until demand increases.

Q: (Chair Mallicoat) Will the new, combined department have one chair?

A: (Ghosh) Currently CpE does not have a chair, only a program coordinator. This will continue in the near term if this proposal is accepted.

Q: (VP Dabirian) Do we know what some of the concerns were of students who did not support the merger?

A: (Ghosh) Some students were concerned that the merger may change courses and affect their progress to degree.

Q: (Bruschke) Did the departments conduct a formal vote on the proposal?

A: (Huang) I can't speak for CpE, but EE faculty are reserving judgement. The proposers intended the Open Forums to collect feedback and gauge stakeholder receptiveness to the merger.

A: (Ghosh) It's the same for CpE in that there is a general consensus but no formal vote.

Q: (Bruschke) Does the Dean support the proposed merger?

A: (Ghosh) The proposal has the Dean's support.

Q: (Mallicoat) It doesn't appear that proposal has undergone a complete review for budgetary impact. Is that true?

A: (Ghosh) The Dean proposed that there be no changes to DPS/ DPCs for 5-8 years and that there be no new hiring unless supported by increased demand. Consequently, it's not anticipated there be a significant change to the budget.

Q: (Kim-Goh) Do you anticipate the merger will improve student enrollment for both programs?

A: (Ghosh) Yes. We hope to build existing momentum we have by growing the enrollment of international students.

A: (Huang) In addition, we hope to achieve economies of scale by offering more summer courses that would not have sufficient enrollment if offered as two separate courses by two programs.

Q: (Bruschke) If the combined department succeeds in growing enrollment, will that have implications for other programs on campus?

A: (Ghosh) We don't expect to experience a dramatic increase in enrollment. Instead, we hope to create interest in under subscribed offerings, particularly in the graduate level.

A: (Huang) Additionally, we hope to achieve economies of scale by consolidating smaller sections into larger classes, or by sharing instructional resources like design labs.

Bruschke proposed a motion to request the proposer get a full vote on the proposal from both departments and complete a PRBC budget form.

M/S/P (Bruschke/ Meyer)

V. Adjournment

5.1 M/S/P (VP Dabirian/ VP Forgues) Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Oliver Ravela