Policy, Planning, and Budget Council
Meeting Minutes
College of Science and Engineering

17 May 2018

Present: Deb Donovan (chair), Andy Klein, John Gilbertson, Takele Seda, Jim Hearne, Steve McDowall, Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, Brad Johnson (Dean)

Visitors: Bill Lyne (English), Kylee Swift (Senate Office)

Minutes from the meeting of 03-May-2018 were approved.

Bill Lyne gave a brief description and summary of the activities of Extended Education (EE), and indicated that he was here on a fact-finding mission to learn more about CSE’s interaction with EE. Lyne discussed the distribution of revenue brought in by EE, which includes approximately $3M returned to Academic Affairs. Colleges use the funds in various ways, often to fund NTT positions. Currently, some portion of revenue is used to support basic services of the university, which is problematic since basic operations should be funded with more stable funding sources. Dean Brad Johnson indicated that in CSE, funds brought in through EE during the summer months (i.e., through summer instruction) are used to fund new faculty startup packages. Lyne indicated that there’s reason to discuss the value and sustainability of self-sustaining programs such as EE. As a public university, our mission is to offer a high quality state-subsidized education to the public; as such, (unsubsidized) self-sustaining programs are generally either (i) expensive, or (ii) lower quality. PPBC members discussed CSE’s interaction with EE, which appears to be primarily through the offering of summer classes. Lyne indicated that a report on EE will be created next year, and disseminated widely.

PPBC members returned to discussion of the COPEP, discussed revisions to the section on responding to errors of fact, and reviewed a few remaining unaddressed issues.