Council on Planning & Budget (CPB)
LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative
2011-2012 Report

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Council/Committee Name (acronym): CPB

Council/Committee Charge: CPB’s charge is to confer with and advise the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, and campus administrative units on matters of planning, budget, and resource allocations on both short and long-term bases. The Council also initiates studies in planning and budget matters and, if necessary to accomplish such studies, authorizes establishment of ad hoc committees to carry out investigations and make reports.

Link to Council/Committee Website: http://www.senate.uci.edu/Councils/CPB/index.asp

Frequency of Meetings: during the academic year, bi-weekly for 2 hours; in addition the representative may be asked to serve on some sub-committees, task forces (that can accommodate non-faculty representation) and also as a liaison to other campus-wide groups such as CPEC to which I served as liaison for several years (Campus Physical Environment Committee), etc.

Major Activities: Non-voting member and work is confidential. CPB reviews campus planning initiatives regarding the academic plan, new degree programs and infrastructure for financial oversight. Selective faculty participate in the Budget Working Group and the Academic Planning Group which determines campus hiring strategies, support for programs in academic excellence, etc. Also reviews endowed chairs, new building initiatives, proposed policy revisions for issues such as capital improvements, Rebenching, and stays abreast with how sister campuses respond to the challenges facing the UC. The current ongoing concern is what the consequences are for UCI and UC if the Governor’s Tax increase is not approved by the voters in November 2012. One of the recent announcements was that the Dept of Education achieved School status – CPB reviewed all the documentation for this recommendation.
**Issues of Concern to the Libraries:** changes in the emphases of academic programs, directions of campus planning, coordination with other senate council activities (specifically CEP & Graduate Council). With an interim EVC it is uncertain what the coming year will bring.

**Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:** I think the appointment to this Council should be a seasoned bibliographer who knows the campus culture well and can respond about the library statements that are part of the information packets.