Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Systemwide Review: Rebenching Budget Committee Report

November 27, 2012

The enclosed report represents phase two of the UC rebenching process. The UC Academic Senate is asking all divisions to facilitate a fall 2012 review of the report.
Consultation from Faculty Executive Committee, College of Letters and Science

Rebenching Budget Committee Report

November 5, 2012

The Faculty Executive Committee of the College of Letters and Science urges extreme caution with respect to the system-wide rebenching proposal. In particular, the committee is deeply concerned that there is insufficient information provided to evaluate the proposal absent the enrollment targets for the campuses. In addition, if there are no new funds forthcoming from the state, the committee fears this proposal will devolve into a plan for redistributing cuts. Finally, in light of the 2020 Task Force Recommendations being considered, we further underscore the importance of obtaining some real numbers in terms of enrollment targets.
Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction

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No response at this time.
RFC SYSTEMWIDE REVIEW: Rebenching Budget Committee Report

APD discussed the Systemwide Review: Rebenching Budget Committee Report at its October 19 meeting. The committee identified one aspect of the report that was particularly relevant for graduate education at UC Davis. It noted that there was no justification provided for the choice of weights for different types of students. Educating a Ph.D. student is much more expensive than educating an undergraduate and the proposed weight (2.5) does not appear to reflect fully the differences in the cost of education. Academic Master’s students and professional students are weighted equally with undergraduates (1), and health science students are assigned a weight of 5. APD would like the weights to reflect differences in the cost of education.

Accordingly, the APD Committee submits for Council’s consideration the aforementioned recommendation to post to the Academic Senate’s RFC.

Sincerely,

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The Committee on Planning and Budget agrees with the concept that the amount of state support per student should be the same on each UC campus, and that the rebenching concept as a means of accomplishing this ideal is an appropriate goal for the UC System. The committee recognizes that this goal may require several years to accomplish.
Research

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No response at this time.