



Fullerton College

Planning and Budget Steering Committee Meeting Notes

March 4, 2026

Co-Chairs: Bridget Kominek (Faculty Senate President)

Members: Grant Linsell (Manager Representative), Flor Huerta (Manager Representative), Gilberto Valencia (Classified Professional Representative), Ryan Patterson (Classified Professional Representative), Brandon Floerke (Faculty Senate Acting Immediate Past President), Justin Park (Student Representative)

Resource Members: Sonia De La Torre (Vice President of Student Services), Anita Carlos (Manger, Campus Accounting)

Guests: Angela Henderson (Interim Dean of Natural Sciences)

Recorder: Bridget Kominek

HOUSEKEEPING

1. Call to order at 2:07pm
2. Approval of Agenda (M/S/P Patterson/Linsell)
3. Approval of [notes from February 18, 2026 PBSC meeting](#) (M/S/P Linsell/Patterson)
4. Public Comment
 - a. Flor Huerta reported on Major Discovery Day next Tuesday from 11am-1pm and invited members of the committee to attend
5. Co-chair Reports
 - a. Bridget Kominek shared that Henry Hua regrets having to miss this meeting to attend an emergency meeting at the district office.
 - b. Bridget Kominek shared that district and campus leadership are planning a budget forum in spring. This committee will brainstorm ideas to help the organizers plan the forum.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Natural Sciences Division and Chemistry program request—The Interim Dean of Natural Sciences Angela Henderson requested approval of a change to how the Chemistry program is using allocated program review funds. The committee discussed the request and approved a recommendation to allow the Chemistry program to make the requested change (M/S/P Linsell/Floerke)
2. 2025 program review resource request funding proposal draft—The committee considered a first draft funding proposal created by the committee co-chairs and offer suggested revisions to be incorporated into a second draft. The second draft will be shared at the the 3/18 PBSC meeting for additional feedback and revisions
 - a. PRPC is considering Strategic Action Plans from the Fall 2025 Instructional

- Comprehensive Program Reviews now and will provide PBSC their evaluations of the SAPs for our 4/15 PBSC meeting
- b. The committee discussed how it might use the SAP evaluations done by PRPC at the 4/15 PBSC meeting. PRPC discussed the plan to fund resource requests that were associated with SAPs that PRPC evaluated positively
 - c. The next steps:
 - i. By Wednesday, 3/11, committee members will send Bridget and Henry suggestions of additional resource requests that should be included in the revised draft
 - ii. Henry and Bridget will revise the proposal and send it with the agenda for the 3/18 PBSC meeting
 - iii. Henry will confirm that the requests the committee is considering are accurate and whether or not they must be funded in full or if partial funding is acceptable
3. Budget forum planning—The committee brainstormed suggestions for the upcoming budget forum:
- a. Focus on high level topics like the SCFF and RAM to educate the average staff member of how our budgets function in general. What do staff members need to know to effectively participate in discussions about budgeting, planning, and resource allocation?
 - b. Focus on state, district, and campus budget outlook and processes especially focusing on how it is possible that the state budget might be positive while we are looking at a tighter budget locally.
 - c. Describe our existing budget development process and where we are in it as well as plans for improving it so that it is more transparent and allows for more meaningful input from constituent groups.
 - d. Give an opportunity for attendees to both ask questions in advance as well as live, including anonymous questions.
 - e. Have participatory governance leaders collect questions to share on behalf of their constituents as well.
 - f. Be clear about the purpose. Is this primarily educational? End with an overview of participatory governance structures and how members of the campus community can participate in ongoing discussions.
 - g. Articulate in a more concrete phase we are in as a college and district. Growth? Retention? Efficiency? What does this mean for operations?

Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm