January 25, 2022

To:   Jody Kreiman, Chair, Academic Senate

From: Kathleen Bawn, Chair, Undergraduate Council

Re:   APB Office: Bruin Budget Model White Paper

At its meeting on January 21, 2022, the Undergraduate Council had an opportunity to review the Bruin Budget Model White Paper.

Members concur with comments made by the Council on Planning and Budget that the report offers clear background but lacks details and specification. Members sought clarification on several points, including:

- How does the funding model affect research not funded by grants and doctoral programs?
- How are minors and students who are pre-majors counted in the model? Much of the emphasis is on majors and Student Credit Hours. Members noted that the lack of information on minors risks overlooking their importance and obscuring the role of interdisciplinarity in undergraduate education.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to revisit this issue when more detailed information is available.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the Undergraduate Council’s analyst, Julia Nelsen, at jnelsen@senate.ucla.edu.

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