Bridging the Gap

The purpose of the Bridging the Gap series is to allow UC Berkeley thought leadership, faculty, and staff to excel together by providing a forum to discuss emerging and hot button issues, foster an open exchange, and inform decision-makers.

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Unraveling UC Berkeley’s “Spaghetti Finance” Problem
Thursday, March 10, 2016
150 University Hall
10:00am – 11:30 am

In today’s environment, most academic leaders agree that spending on new initiatives must come from a reallocation of existing resources. However, reallocating resources remains difficult and the traditional model of incremental budgeting is ill-suited to meet today’s demands for smarter resource allocation. This session will describe UC Berkeley’s Finance Reform Initiative and the work being undertaken to improve its financial performance through a strategic alignment of its incentives and simplification of its (many) budget allocation mechanisms.

Speaker Notes

Laurent Heller has worked at UC Berkeley for over 10 years. Since 2011, he has served as the Executive Director of the Campus Budget Office and is now Assistant Vice Chancellor, Financial Planning & Analysis, where he helped transform Berkeley’s new financial structure and business processes while managing a campus budget of roughly $2 billion. As a member of the team that instituted CalPlanning and created Berkeley’s first-ever consolidated operating budget, he has been instrumental in positioning the University for future financial sustainability.