

ACADEMIC COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER ISSUES

**Minutes of Meeting**

Thursday, March 23, 2023

**I. Approval of the agenda and minutes**

***Action Taken:*** *The agenda and minutes were approved as noticed, 8-0-0.*

**II. Chair's Report**

*Jim Chalfant, Chair*

The Chair reported on the recent transfer presentation to the Regents, which went well. He also said that Senate Chair Cochran's presentation on Cal-GETC was well-received. He said that the committee can now move forward with the task of drafting the Pathway descriptions.

**III. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership**

*Susan Cochran, Academic Senate Chair*

*James Steintrager, Academic Senate Vice Chair*

- Update on Transfer Guarantees
- March Regents' Meeting Item on Transfer

SGR asked the Senate leadership to deliver talking points and options on transfer. They developed the following:

Option 1: Any California resident student who completes general education requirements (Cal-GETC) and the courses specified in a UC Transfer Pathway with a specified minimum GPA (determined by the faculty in collaboration with the Institutional Research and Academic Planning office) is guaranteed admission to the UC system.

Option 2: Any California resident student who completes an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) that is designated as UC transfer-eligible (e.g., aligns with UC major preparation) and does so with a specified minimum GPA (determined by the faculty in collaboration with the Institutional Research and Academic Planning office) is guaranteed admission to the UC system.

Option 3: Any California resident student who completes a UC Transfer Pathway degree with a specified minimum GPA (determined by the faculty in collaboration with the Institutional Research and Academic Planning office) is guaranteed admission to the UC system.

Chair Cochran said that the Regents also spent some time discussing the strike and its aftermath.

Committee members had questions for the Chair.

**IV. ADTs Mapped to UC**  
*Onuttom Narayan, Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Narayan and Chair Chalfant have been talking with GUEA about the extent to which ADTs can fit UC's recommendations for major preparation, in case none of the options that were developed for guarantees are accepted. The Vice Chair said that if the focus is on the CSU ADTs, UC should investigate how far can the University with go with them without compromising its processes. He explained the differences between TMCs and the ADTs and how they compare to the TAGs. He identified specific major and campus combinations where students who complete an ADT and meet the TAG requirements for GPA are eligible to be guaranteed admission to their desired campus and program.

Chair Chalfant suggested compiling a list of majors where it looks like a student with an ADT could be eligible for admission. He put forward that ACSCOTI could also work with BOARS to try to identify the non-academic differences in TAG requirements across campuses, with the goal of making some suggestions to the campuses about how to make the requirements more uniform.

**V. Consultation with Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs**  
*Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Executive Director, Undergraduate Admissions*

- Outreach to the Community Colleges
- Transfer Referral Data

Executive Director Yoon-Wu remarked that the vast majority of UC transfer students come from relatively few community colleges. In an effort to attract a broader range of students, UC is undertaking a targeted effort with 69 community colleges. The same 69 colleges are also the focus for the "debt-free" campaign. She said that ACSCOTI will be important to the effort to improve articulation. She explained that there are many articulation gaps, particularly at the more rural community colleges.

The Executive Director went into some detail on the transfer referral data and also shared information on Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships (SAPEP) funding.

Committee members had questions and there was discussion.

**VI. Data-Sharing MOU**  
*Tongshan Chang, Director, IRAP*

Director Chang said that the MOU has been finalized and UC has received the data, but the data element list may need to be revised as his office works on data analysis. They may need to ask the Community College Chancellor's Office to provide data for new elements.

The current plan is to complete a report by the end of August and present results to the Regents. This timeline was included in the Compact goal, but he was not sure how it would be shared with the state government.

Director Chang said that his office would prioritize its analyses to meet the ACSCOTI needs and share results with the committee before the report is finalized. He said that he welcomes input on the analysis from the committee before the report is finalized.

**VII. Adding Majors to Existing Pathways**

*Lynn Huntsinger (UCB)*

Chair Chalfant said that he and Professor Huntsinger had been discussing the possibility of adding majors to Pathways on the Berkeley campus. Professor Huntsinger talked about options for adding one major to the Biology Pathway and one to the Economics Pathway.

Transfer Specialist Garcia agreed that it would not be too difficult to identify majors that could be added to existing Pathways. Chair Chalfant said he would appreciate an opportunity to meet with the GUEA staff to discuss this further.

The committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.