

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER ISSUES

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Thursday, May 25, 2023

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

***Action Taken:*** *The agenda was approved with a slight rearrangement. The minutes were approved with one correction 7-0-0*

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

*Susan Cochran, Academic Senate Chair*

*James Steintrager, Academic Senate Vice Chair*

- A. SGR and the State Budget
- B. Securing a Commitment from UCOP to Partner with the Senate on Distributing Admissions and Advising Information to Prospective UC Transfer Students
- C. Timing and Format of ACSCOTI's Report to the Academic Council
- D. Update on SR 479

Academic Senate Chair Cochran explained that the topic of transfer is “hot” in Sacramento now because it is budget season. This week ICAS finished up all of its work on the new Cal-GETC and sent out a public notice that it met the May 31 deadline to create a single pathway for all three higher education tracks. There is a lot of talk and maneuvering AB 1749; the audience in Sacramento assumes that UC does not care about transfer. SGR is working to try to craft a more concrete way of talking about the issue of transfer. The CSU ADTs are going to have to be redone to align with Cal-GETC. This is an opportunity for UC because it means that the ADTs are open to having some changes. The AB 928 STEM subcommittee is discussing adding six units for an ADT for STEM degree. This allows for a little more preparation at the lower-division level. If the University is pushed to use the ADT as a model, it might be able to build some that would work for some UC STEM transfer pathways; however, it will not work for Engineering. The Campaign for College Opportunity still believes that Engineering can work within the ADT model. There is intense lobbying going on around this. The issue about major preparation is getting some traction. There is still confusion and mistrust about the UC Transfer Pathways.

Chair Cochran told the committee that the APC had just launched a new workgroup on the figure of UC doctoral programs; it is a joint administration/Senate project. It is co-chaired by Susannah Scott and Gillian Hayes. The Provost is also going to be holding a congress on October 9-10 focused on graduate education. She is bringing in a number of plenary speakers and is going to have breakout groups. Last week there was a Regents' meeting and on the docket were several items of interest to faculty, including compliance issues with regard to trainings. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee discussed a number of programs with PDST. These were met with short-term approvals from the Regents; they were very displeased with the diversity of these programs. The Regents' meeting also featured a presentation from UCEAP, which seems to have fully recovered from the pandemic. UCEAP is also planning to create a freshman year abroad for some campuses.

Chair Cochran commented that the SMG and UC Health administrators were given 4.6 percent raises. She pointed out that many faculty have not received the 4.6 increase. The justification

from the administrators is that they do not have the money. She encouraged faculty to confront their administration if they have not received the raise. Finally, there was a report of a Regents' workgroup envisioning UC 2050. It makes a lot of aspirational recommendations, one of which is how and where UC happens. Instead of students coming to UC, UC will go to them through satellite campuses, research parks, and investments in technology and infrastructure. The Senate has been reminding the Regents that it needs to hire more faculty if it wants to do these things.

Members and consultants had questions for the Senate Chair, and there was discussion.

### **III. Draft ACSCOTI Report to the Academic Council**

Chair Chalfant shared his screen and discussed the draft report with the committee. All of the recommendations accepted except with a possible change to the last paragraph of Recommendation 3.

### **IV. Anthropology Data**

*Tongshan Chang, IRAP Director*  
*Matt Reed, IRAP Analyst*

Director Chang talked about his interactions with the CCC Chancellor's Office and the transfer data research. He said that analysis of the data was very challenging.

Analyst Reed showed a PowerPoint on the Anthropology Transfer Pathway.

### **V. Discussion Topics**

- A. History FDRG Process
- B. GE and Double-Counting
- C. Ethnic Studies
- D. Update on Data Science

Chair Chalfant brought forward the issue of the foreign language requirement. He suggested that ACSCOTI, BOARS, UCEP and UCAADE develop a workgroup to think through the ramifications of the foreign language requirement. This is a new graduation requirement that is not in the GE. The committee consultants weighed in with thoughts from their perspective. Chair Chalfant remarked that Biomedical Engineering would be a good transfer pathway going forward.

The Chair said that the History FDRG looks at the TMC and ADTs; both the History group and the TAP were excited about ACSCOTI's efforts with the Anthropology example. They liked the idea of advertising extra electives that meet major requirements and were receptive to the idea of bringing the segments together.

Chair Chalfant thanked everyone for their service and expressed the wish that those who are able to come back next year will do so.

The committee adjourned at 1:36 pm.

