Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues

The Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues (ACSCOTI) is established by the Academic Council in March 2022 in accordance with <u>Bylaw 125.B.13</u>. ACSCOTI's charge is to provide Council with expertise on student transfer to UC, primarily for California Community College (CCC) students seeking entry to and success in graduating from the University.

Duties

Provide Academic Council with recommendations on University transfer programs and practices as well as policies other than those specific to BOARS responsibility for admissions (e.g., comprehensive review criteria). Areas of work include efforts to promote strong major preparation and timely degree completion.

Periodically review and report on University programs designed to encourage and support CCC transfer to UC campuses (e.g., Transfer Admission Guarantees or TAGs, Transfer Pathways, Pathways Plus).

Collaborate with administration colleagues to support routine review of and updates to UC communications, websites, and other information sources about transfer to the University.

Monitor persistence, graduation rates, and time-to-degree data for students transferring to the University.

As needed and in consultation with Senate leadership, convene faculty for transfer-related projects and activities.

Collaborate with relevant standing committees to evaluate Senate regulations and policies pertaining to transfer (e.g., UCEP regarding delivery of UC systemwide courses online to fill gaps in availability of CCC courses).

Represent the UC Academic Senate on standing and short-term intersegmental groups that work on transfer issues. Engage with faculty colleagues from the CCCs and the California State University (CSU) to understand the dynamics of student transfer across public higher education segments—including similarities and differences in UC and CSU requirements—and, where appropriate, to support coordinated responses to public policy proposals.

Provide an annual report of its activities to the Academic Council.

Members and Appointment Terms

In consultation with UCOC, the Academic Council Chair will appoint the Chair, Vice Chair, and 4-6 at large members of the Special Committee. In consultation with relevant standing committee chairs, the Academic Council Chair will appoint one representative each from BOARS, UCEP, and UCOPE. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Academic Council shall serve as exofficio members.

Special Committee members:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- 4-6 at large members
- BOARS representative
- UCEP representative
- UCOPE representative
- Academic Council Chair
- Academic Council Vice Chair

Committee members shall be chosen for their experience as Academic Senate faculty in undergraduate education in a specific major or discipline, and in University governance related to undergraduate education, including but not limited to matters pertaining to transfer. Every effort shall be made to ensure that the membership is both highly qualified and diverse (by academic discipline, Senate experience, gender, ethnicity, age, as well as campus diversity), and covers a broad range of desirable expertise noted. It is critical to strike the right balance between renewing membership and preserving experience.

The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve one year renewable terms for no more than two consecutive terms in each position. At large members shall have staggered appointments, serving up to three year renewable terms for no more than two consecutive terms. Relevant committee representatives shall serve up to two year renewable terms for no more than two consecutive terms.

Consultants and Guests

Primary consultants to the Special Committee are UCOP senior managers and staff with responsibility for transfer policy and programs. Committee leadership may invite others to address the group or collaborate as needed, including campus staff, divisional faculty, and CSU and CCC colleagues.

Special Committee Tenure

The tenure of special committees is described in <u>Bylaw 35.E.1</u>. Unless previously extended by the Academic Council, the term of the Special Committee shall expire at the end of August 2026.