

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

**Minutes of Meeting
November 2, 2018****I. Consent Calendar**1. Approval of BOARS November 2, 2018 Agenda

Action: The agenda was approved as noticed.

2. Approval of BOARS October 5, 2018 Minutes

Action: The minutes will be revised and recirculated for electronic approval.

II. Chair's Announcements

Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair

1. Academic Council meeting of November 28, 2018• Area 'd' Revisions

Last year's BOARS adopted proposed changes to the area 'd', laboratory science, high school prerequisite designed to align UC requirements with the Next Generation Science Standards. The revisions were to 1) rename the requirement to "science", 2) expand the approved list of courses that met the requirement, and 3) increase the required number of area 'd' courses from 2 + 1 recommended to 3. The Academic Council and the Academic Assembly subsequently endorsed the revisions. Prior to enactment, though, the provost raised concerns about changing the eligibility pool as not all California high schools are equipped to offer a 3rd year of science, and the Santa Cruz division inquired of the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCR&J) whether the motion could be enacted in part but not in whole. UCR&J held that as written, the motion had to be enacted as a whole. BOARS needs to determine how to advance the measure given this new guidance.

• Standardized Testing Task Force

This issue is highly politicized and highly publicized. The task force is still being populated, and further nominations/volunteers are welcome. The task force will focus on undergraduate admissions testing, not graduate admissions testing. Current data on predictive validity of the current exams is still being vetted, but should be ready to preview to BOARS soon. A significant issue the task force will have to address is how best to show UC values writing in its applicants.

• University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE)

Madeleine Sorapure, UCSB Representative and UCOPE Liaison

UCOPE continues to address issues surrounding the Analytical Writing Placement Examination (AWPE), including methodological and implementation concerns. Test integrity and international student achievement are other areas under scrutiny.

III. Review Items1. Proposed Revisions to President Policy on Use of Vehicles and Driver Selection (BFB-BUS-46)

Members sought clarity as to whether the policy included students, fleet vehicles, carpooling, and the like.

Action: Analyst Feer will investigate and report back next month.

2. Proposed Presidential Policy on Principles of Accountability with Respect to Financial Transactions

Action: The committee elected not to opine on this item.

3. Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Protection of Administrative Records Containing Personally Identifiable Information

Action: The committee elected not to opine on this item.

4. Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

Members voiced confusion as to the disparate processes for faculty and students. Members also wondered why some terms were defined, but not others.

Action: Analyst Feer will draft a response memo for consideration next month.

IV. Campus Reports

Berkeley: 1) A new admission director will join in January, coming from Stanford. 2) The chancellor is developing new diversity targets for a new strategic plan. Where to set targets, and how to achieve them, remains under discussion. Diversity includes race/ethnicity, urban/rural, and native freshman/transfer students. 3) Application reader training is underway. 4) Computer Science may soon be an impacted major. The campus is discussing whether applicants should be required to indicate a non-capped major, too.

Davis: 1) The local committee's first meeting was mostly orientation for new members. 2) Many have concerns about transfer enrollments into the largest majors, especially regarding diversity axes. Communications and outreach remain obstacles.

Irvine: 1) Meetings with the admission office to clarify holistic review procedures are on-going. 2) Much concern was raised over communications and messaging regarding any changes to transfer practices.

Los Angeles: 1) The local committee met for the first time last week, and largely conducted orientation for new members. 2) Concerns about the vagueness of the current transfer guarantee discussion were shared. 3) A higher than expected yield this year is causing some trouble in certain majors. 4) A new trend of high achievers with high family incomes is raising new diversity concerns.

Merced: 1) Delays in launching the new ASSIST platform have had negative consequences to the application process. 2) Student mental health needs are at the fore: Merced County has only one full-time psychiatrist; housing and food insecurity are on the rise; a high proportion of first-generation students further strains counseling needs. 3) Strategic enrollment practices are being investigated to offset enrollments in impacted majors. Better preparation is one solution.

Riverside: 1) The campus will launch holistic review, and final preparations are underway. 2) The campus has made significant progress in achieving its transfer ratio, and the campus seeks to increase its non-resident enrollment.

San Diego: 1) The local committee has not yet met, but electronic communications have focused on growth models for a 7th and 8th colleges, their physical plant requirements, and student support and housing needs.

San Francisco: The campus continues not to admit undergraduate students.

Santa Barbara: 1) The local committee met with the local EVC to discuss enrollment planning, long-range development plans, and graduate student services and success. 2) The local committee met with the local AVC for enrollment to discuss food and housing insecurity, first generation student success, including retention and time to degree, and services for new students. 3) Changes to the transfer process should involve admission directors, and careful messaging will be required.

Santa Cruz: 1) The local committee discussed how best to use SAT scores and how they should interact with holistic review.

Undergraduate Student Representative: Student leaders continue to lobby Sacramento for additional funding, noting that unfunded enrollments decrease the likelihood of student success.

Graduate Student Representative: No update.

V. Transfer Guarantee Criteria and Implementation

BOARS Members

UCOP Consultants

Campus Admission Directors and AVCs for Enrollment Management

Jim Chalfant, Provost's Special Advisor on Transfer

BOARS members and guests considered various models of potential transfer guarantees that had been proposed by a working group that convened over the summer and fall. Lengthy discussion revealed several common concerns: How best to guarantee admission to impacted majors is unclear. Whether and where to set GPA minimums, and if they should vary by major, received much debate; many feel that any GPA minimum could result in "sticker shock" and discourage potential transfer applicants, and others asserted that differential GPAs would further mire UC in what has been called a "transfer maze" by external critics; still others suggested that academic inconsistencies among the California Community Colleges (CCCs) made a GPA minimum unworkable and posited a variant of "eligibility in the local context" for transfer applicants. The utility of a referral pool for transfer applicants was found to be limited given enrollment trends of transfer students.

BOARS members noted that regardless of the final proposal, many issues will remain to be addressed. Equity concerns will be raised, and the messaging must be carefully crafted. How web resources for transfer can be best accessed and communicated both to students and counselors must be considered. A response to why the UC Pathways are different from CSU ADTs must be prepared. CCC articulation must be monitored. Enrollment management must be addressed meaningfully.

VI. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Robert May, Academic Council Chair

Note: Item not addressed.

VII. Executive Session

Note: Item not addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kenneth Feer, Principal Analyst

Attest: Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

Eddie Comeaux, Chair

Melissa Famulari, Vice Chair

Ignacio Navarrete, Berkeley

Laura O'Connor, Irvine

Anna Lau, Los Angeles (Alternate)

Catherine Keske, Merced

David Volz, Riverside

Nancy Kwak, San Diego

Andrea Hasenstaub, San Francisco (via Zoom)

Madeleine Sorapure, Santa Barbara

David Smith, Santa Cruz (via Zoom)

Jonathan Li, Undergraduate Student Representative

Kevin Heller, Graduate Student Representative