

## BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

## Minutes of Meeting

December 7, 2018

## I. Consent Calendar

- Approval of BOARS December 7, 2018 Agenda  
**Action:** The agenda was approved as noticed.
- Approval of BOARS November 2, 2018 Minutes  
*Note:* The item was deferred.

## II. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

*Robert May, Academic Council Chair**Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Academic Council Vice Chair*

Council Chair May reported to the committee on several items of interest:

- **Budget:** UCOP has been developing multi-year budget plans to facilitate long-term planning and frame discussions with the state, so the planning is both political and practical. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has issued a report indicating that the state will need 1M more higher education degrees by 2030, so UC has to graduate more students than the current trajectory allows. One strategy to achieve the new degree total is to improve time to degree, but funded enrollment growth will also be necessary. Implicit in the argument is renewal of tenure track faculty. UCOP is asking for a 7% increase in the base budget, much of which would be the conversion of one-time funds to permanent funds. UCOP continues to be under enhanced fiscal scrutiny, and some recent changes to perquisite programs could have tax implications.
- **Faculty Salary:** The Senate submitted its salary ask earlier this year to align with external budget deadlines. President Napolitano has agreed in principle to closing the faculty salary gap, but discussion on the specifics of the action plan continues. The Senate will encourage front-loading faculty salaries in case a multi-year plan is abandoned mid-way. Messaging the difference between merits and COLAs is a perennial task.
- **Abortion Services on Campus:** Governor Brown vetoed a bill that would have required UC and CSU to provide medical abortion services at campus student health centers. Governor-Elect Newsome has pledged to sign the bill next session. UCFW's Health Care Task Force is investigating the topic more thoroughly.
- **Academic Freedom:** The University Librarians have called for inclusion under the Academic Freedom umbrella as articulated in the Manual of the Academic Senate, but seek exemption from related oversight and disciplinary practices associated with the same. Chair May and Santa Cruz Chancellor Blumenthal are co-chairing a task force to investigate the issue.
- **Elsevier Negotiations:** UC has long advocated for open access, a principle which contradicts the for-profit business model of most academic journal publishers, Elsevier included. Because UC is a behemoth in the academic publishing world, the outcome of these negotiations could impact the future of the academy writ large. Sweden and Germany have already broken off talks with

Elsevier, and no longer have access to newly published articles (archival access remains open). UC currently spends \$10M annually on the Elsevier contract. December 31 is the next deadline.

- Standardized Testing Task Force: With the support and encouragement of President Napolitano, the Academic Council is convening a new task force to focus on the use and future use of standardized testing in freshman admissions. The task force is currently being populated, and will be charged to approach the issue from an agnostic point of view and to make a data-informed decision. Again, because UC is such a large player, any decision will impact national trends.
- SSGPDP: Self-supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs) have been launched at nearly every campus, but seemingly none has undergone an academic review. The goal of SSGPDPs seems to be changing from innovation to privatization, according to some. Negative impacts on state-supported programs and ancillary impacts to parking and support services, etc., are also suspected, but absent any reviews, suspicions are mounting while not being allayed.
- State Audits: The Senate is responding to calls for greater alignment with newly revised sexual violence/sexual harassment procedures developed in the wake of recent state and federal audits of UC procedures. New regulations proposing the same turn-around time frame are being circulated for review. Revised federal guidelines from the Department of Education could complicate efforts going forward, though.
- UC Health: EVP Stobo has announced his retirement, effective upon the naming of a replacement. HCTF is working to develop a vision statement for UC Health that includes Shared Governance in a more meaningful manner. The Senate expects to be included on the search committee for his replacement.

### III. Chair's Announcements

*Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair*

#### 1. Academic Council meeting of November 28, 2018

- Area 'd': Members are reminded of the three-fold change approved to the requirement, and of the objections to same raised by Provost Brown. In order to advance the issue, BOARS will separate the three actions of the original proposal and advance them individually. In the short term, BOARS will consider renaming the requirement and expanding the approved course list that fulfills the requirement. Separately, BOARS will advance the change in minimum number of courses, once further eligibility analysis has persuaded the administration to support the measure.

Director Lin has prepared an expanded course list framework for articulation under the renamed requirement. Most of the proposed changes address incumbent classes, and were not found to be controversial. Approved courses for the expanded requirement, however, require additional exegesis.

**Action:** BOARS approved and advanced renaming the area d requirement from "lab science" to "science."

**Action:** BOARS approved revised course listings for incumbent courses under the requirement.

**Action:** BOARS will revisit course listings for new courses under the requirement.

### IV. Systemwide Review Items

#### 1. Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Use of Vehicles and Driver Selection

Members questioned whether accumulated violation points would be removed after a certain amount of time, or would a driver be permanently banned.

**Action:** Analyst Feer will draft a memo.

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

**Action:** The draft response was approved as noticed.

**V. Consultation with the Office of the President – Office of Student Affairs**

*Robin Holmes-Sullivan, Vice President Student Affairs*

*Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Director of Undergraduate Admissions*

*Monica Lin, Director, Academic Preparation and Relations with Schools and Colleges*

*Tongshan Chang, Manager, IRAP*

1. SAT/ACT Validity Study

Provost Brown requested updated data following recent highly publicized changes to usage of the SAT at other elite universities. The data should help reveal the predictive validity of the standardized tests vis-à-vis other metrics, such as high school GPA, number of “honors” courses taken, etc. Validity is being measured against first year GPA, retention, and other metrics. Members are encouraged to send feedback for revising the data through Chair Comeaux.

2. Fall 2019 Application Cycle Update

As of November 30, UC had received more than 176K freshman applications. An extended submission deadline allowed applicants from areas which suffered natural disasters to complete their applications. URM applicants are trending up for freshman but down for transfers.

3. Comprehensive Review Annual Report

For the Fall 2018 review cycle, the legislature has asked the UC include augmented review outcomes, where applicable. A revised template and reminder will be sent shortly.

4. Sander Lawsuit

Professor Sander has requested detailed applicant data under the California Public Records Act. UC has responded that the customized data he requests would be burdensome to create and is beyond the scope of the legal requirements.

**VI. Transfer Guarantee**

Over email, BOARS members agreed to develop a TAG-based model. TAGs will not change, so no new procedures will be needed there. This model will meet the systemwide requirement since there is at least one TAG major on at least one campus. By achieving a recommended minimum in a Pathway, a transfer applicant will substantially increase the likelihood of being admitted to that major, regardless of whether the major is impacted or at a non-TAG campus.

The MOU asks for evaluation of TAGs to ensure academic preparation, and BOARS members agree that some TAGs should more closely align with their associated Pathways. For example, the chemistry TAGs do not currently include organic chemistry as a prerequisite course. Improving 2-year time to degree requires better academic preparation at the CCCs, and stricter TAG requirements could help move the needle.

**Action:** The committee passed the transfer guarantee proposal unanimously.

**Action:** Chair Comeaux and Analyst Feer will draft communications to the Academic Council.

**VII. Campus Reports**

Berkeley: [absent during this item]

Davis: 1) The local committee continues its discussion on transfer admissions. 2) Success in the agriculture college for transfer students has been found to be closely tied to CCC academic preparation. 3) Transfer applicant materials need to be revised to reflect different processes used in impacted majors.

Irvine: 1) Some majors are adopting augmented review. The School of Engineering has used augmented review for several years, but its usage is now expanding to Computer Science and Physics is assessing its

options. Some have concerns about the impact on international students and whether they can supply additional materials, if requested to do so.

Los Angeles: 1) The local committee continues its discussion on transfer admissions. 2) Holistic review training for freshman application readers is underway. Holistic review training will expand to transfer application readers, too. 3) The local committee continues to investigate athletic ABEs. There are less than 100/year, including fine arts admits. Local representatives have been invited to the next ABE meeting as observers. 4) The local chair will begin meeting at least quarterly with the campus admission director. Enrollment planning will be one topic.

Merced: 1) Council Chair May and Vice Chair Bhavnani visited the campus, and were warmly received. 2) A new joint Senate-administration task force on strategic enrollment management will launch next week.

Riverside: 1) Final preparations for the launch of holistic review are underway. A pilot study using past applications is being designed to test the new academic index score.

San Diego: 1) The local committee continues to discuss transfer issues. 2) Much concern has been voiced over enrollment planning. Two new colleges are being planned, but student support services are lagging rapid student population growth. 3) Training for comprehensive review application reading is being planned. 4) The campus is becoming a division-I NCAA school. No one is certain what other changes may follow. 5) Better relations with local indigenous tribes are being fostered. 6) Utility of the TOEFL has been brought into question.

San Francisco: The campus continues not to admit undergraduates.

Santa Barbara: 1) The local committee continues to discuss transfer issues. Many local actors have serious concerns about messaging. 2) The local committee met with the chancellor, and discussed a new task force on long-term enrollment planning. 3) A math department proposal to increase their transfer application requirements is under review.

Santa Cruz: 1) Comprehensive review reader instructions are being revised. 2) New members on the local committee are still learning the complexity of admission issues.

Undergraduate student representative: Budget advocacy is a high priority for the student associations.

Graduate student representative: No update.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

*Note: During executive session, no notes are taken.*

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  
Mark Brilliant, UCB  
Deborah Swenson, UCD  
Laura O'Connor, UCI  
Rene Ong, UCLA  
Catherine Keske, UCM (via Zoom)  
David Volz, UCR  
Nancy Kwak, UCSD  
Andrea Hasenstaub, UCSF  
Madeleine Sorapure, UCSB

David Smith, UCSC (via Zoom)

Jonathan Li, Undergraduate Student Representative

Kevin Heller, Graduate Student Representative