

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

Minutes of Meeting

February 1, 2019

I. Consent Calendar1. Approval of BOARS February 1, 2019 Agenda**Action:** The agenda was approved as noticed.**II. Chair's Announcements***Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair*1. Academic Council Meeting of January 23, 2019

- The transfer guarantee proposal has been circulated for full systemwide review. Policy language will be drafted after completion of the review. Messaging for the new proposal is being handled by a dedicated joint Senate-administration task force, the Transfer Advising Innovations and Communications (TAIC) working group. TAIC will conduct two types of focus groups: First to assess public understanding of current UC transfer processes, and then to refine messaging. Members are encouraged to share best practices regarding counseling and advising.
- The Standardized Testing Task Force (STTF) has been populated and will meet for the first time next Friday. Immediate past BOARS Chair Henry Sánchez is chairing the task force. BOARS is represented on the task force by Chair Comeaux and UCSF Representative Hasenstaub. Chair Comeaux will advocate for BOARS to review the STTF report before it is submitted to the Academic Council and for BOARS members to have access to the materials the task force is given. IRAP data on predictive validity is being further vetted by the provost.
- The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) is conducting a new eligibility study in response to the area d proposal to increase science requirements from 2 required plus 1 recommended to 3 required courses. There are currently only 19 high schools in the state that do not already offer 3 eligible science courses. The study will include a qualitative component to assess students' attitudes toward and likelihood of applying to UC. The question battery will be shared when ready.

III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership*Robert May, Academic Council Chair*

- The governor's January state budget proposal included additional funds for UC, but since many one-time funds were not made permanent, the actual amount of increase in base funding is less than advertised – 2.7% versus 6.9%. No new funds were made available for increased enrollment, but demands to increase enrollment have not abated. No new funds were included for faculty merits or range adjustments. Tuition increases are politically toxic in the current environment. UCOP and student groups are preparing to lobby in Sacramento ahead of issuance of the May revise. UCOP is also developing multi-year budget plans in the hopes of stabilizing year-to-year state funding fluctuations. UCOP has announced goals of raising the 6-year graduation rate to 90%, the 4-year rate to 76%, and for transfers, the 2-year rate to 60%; these goals are in response to a call for California higher education to produce 200,000 more BA degrees by 2030. The resources needed to educate and support more students will be included in a best case/worst

case scenario budget being prepared by UCOP; the exercise will also illustrate the financial harm further delimiting non-resident enrollment would inflict on the university.

- The role of graduate students in undergraduate education and in the research enterprise is not well known outside of the academy. The international scope of graduate student research should be included in any outreach efforts, whether to the Regents or the legislature.
- If the STTF recommends changes to admission requirements, BOARS will be the first to review them. The task force membership includes representation from each campus as well as a variety of disciplines. BOARS may also invite STTF Chair Sánchez to consult directly. The task force does not have a deadline, but they are expected to work diligently. The task force will have the opportunity to meet with UCOP officials as well as external stakeholders.
Action: Analyst Feer will invite BOARS members to join the STTF “Box”.
Action: Representatives from the Smarter Balanced coalition will be invited to a future BOARS meeting.
- Negotiations with Elsevier continue as the deadline has been extended again. President Napolitano agrees that UC has taken a firm stand and must not be cowed. The University Librarians have done incredible yeoman’s work throughout the process. Open Access remains UC’s official policy. Given UC’s size and reputation, the outcome is likely to set a precedent for other universities. Should negotiations fail, STEM fields could see significant disruption.
- Proposed changes to federal regulations regarding support for research utilizing fetal tissue have been received with alarm. President Napolitano issued an unequivocal statement of support for UC researchers and research implicated.
- A task force co-chaired by Chair May and Santa Cruz Chancellor Blumenthal investigating academic freedom protections to non-Senate academics is working quickly and may have recommendations as soon as next month.
- A revised posthumous degree policy proposed by the University Committee on Education Policy (UCEP) was endorsed for enactment.

IV. Systemwide Review Items

1. Proposed Revisions to the SVSH Investigation and Adjudication Framework for Senate and Non-Senate Faculty, and the Investigation and Adjudication Framework for Staff and Non-Faculty Academic Personnel
Action: The committee elected not to opine.
2. Proposed UC Transfer Admission Guarantee
Action: The committee elected not to opine.
3. Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336 (Privilege and Tenure: Divisional Committees – Disciplinary Cases)
Members sought clarity as to why the chancellor still has up to three years to determine whether to pursue action. Members also sought clarity regarding in-person participation, and whether scheduled research trips, etc., would have to be postponed.
Action: Analyst Feer will draft a memo for review.
4. Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations
Members ask for more information regarding honors theses, and for more accessible guidelines as these may be too technical for many. The guidelines regarding extensions and embargoes needs revision; 2 years may be necessary in some disciplines.
Action: Analyst will draft a memo for review.

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

Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Director, Undergraduate Admissions

Monica Lin, Director, Academic Preparation and Relations with Schools and Colleges
Tongshan Chang, Manager, IRAP

1. a-g online course approval process

Director Lin noted that one goal of the proposal is to streamline work. Course integrity is important, and UC trusts its high school counterparts. While UC remains committed to brick and mortar schools, an increasing number of high schools seek supplementary course material online, and the number of online course purveyors is increasing, too. Developing a tool to help discern good online courses must be a priority. Even though currently only 1.2% of articulated courses are online, UC needs a hedge to help when online vendors merge. UC also needs to close loopholes in its existing policies.

Under the proposal, high schools would serve as the first vetting stage via self-assessments. Members suggested that a portion of self-assessments be audited. Members also suggested that vendors be assessed a fee to help offset the costs of assessment and data mining. Members believe that review of online courses should be as rigorous as that for in-person courses. Members asked for more information about the online vendors and more history about previous efforts in this area.

2. TAG Review Next Steps

Council Chair May and Provost Brown will instruct campus leadership to undertake TAG reviews. To help local leaders in this task, data illustrating current time to degree by admission method will be prepared. Another useful data plot will correlate GPA and time to degree. Data should be prepared by major by campus.

Possible changes to TAGs might include adding or removing courses, or adjusting minimum GPA requirements.

VI. Campus Reports/Issues

Berkeley: 1) Membership on the local committee is based on a 3-year cycle, but it has not been enforced recently. 2) A new admission director (AD) joined the campus as of January 1. He has voiced a desire to expand intentionality in yield assessments.

Davis: 1) The local committee has seen significant turnover lately, so there is often a steep learning curve to be overcome each fall. How the five colleges should best interact further complicates issues. 2) The new freshman tie-breaker may be revised after this admission cycle to better approximate an ELC proxy.

Irvine: 1) The local committee also uses a 3 year membership cycle. 2) Use of augmented review is expanding, and may focus on specialty programs that would require an audition or the like. 3) The e-sports program is addressing issues of diversity and misogyny embedded in the games' programming.

Los Angeles: 1) Service on the local committee is up to 3 years. The chair is usually in year 3. The vice chair is expected to succeed to the chair ship to ensure continuity. The AD comes to most of each meeting, and meets with the chair off-cycle as needed. All committee members undergo comprehensive review training and a transfer workshop. 2) An enrollment planning exercise is underway. 3) The local committee is comparing holistic rank to other predictors. The data are still being vetted.

Merced: 1) Merced hosted a systemwide meeting of ADs, and shared governance was one topic under consideration. All agreed that more interaction between ADs and local committees was better. Members are asked to share best practices regarding membership, continuity, and training. 2) The transfer proposal is under discussion already. 3) A strategic enrollment planning exercise is also underway.

Riverside: 1) The local committee has a 3-year membership cycle. 2) An holistic review pilot study is underway, and is focusing on the middle-band of applicants this time.

San Diego: 1) The campus is considering adopting TAGs in some of the humanities to encourage enrollment in those majors. 2) The campus is investigating whether U-Link transfers are successful at UC. 3) Concerns about TOEFL validity have arisen and will be investigated.

San Francisco: The campus continues not to admit undergraduates.

Santa Barbara: 1) The local committee uses a 3-year rotation. The AD, Associate AD, and the Director and Associate Director for the Office of Institutional Research always join the local CAERS meetings; the AVC for Enrollment Services often joins. There is no vice chair. 2) The College of Engineering held a summit on enrollment planning and capacity/throughput. Enrollment by major or division might be on the table. 3) Discussion of transfers continues, and more data are being shared. While only 30% of transfers use TAGs, fully 50% of transfers meet the requirements. The Computer Science GPA requirement has been set at 3.4 this term. Residency requirements need clarified since some CCC transfers are international students; reporting requirements call for consistency.

Santa Cruz: 1) The campus exceeded the 2:1 ratio for the first time, so now focus will shift to diversity considerations and under-enrolled majors. 2) A new AD has joined the campus. 3) Many are concerned that first-year LatinX student success is lagging other groups. Identifying underperforming high schools during the application review is difficult, despite ELC assurances.

Undergraduate Student Representative: Transparency regarding the usage of student fees is under scrutiny. If tuition cannot increase, neither can fees. Student services are being negatively impacted.

VII. Executive Session

Note: Other than action items, no notes are taken during executive session.

Adjournment 4:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kenneth Feer, Principal Analyst

Attest: Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

Eddie Comeaux, Chair
Melissa Famulari, Vice Chair
Jill Berrick, UCB
Deborah Swenson, UCD
Brandy Gatlin, UCI Alternate
Rene Ong, UCLA
Catherine Keske, UCM
David Volz, UCR
Nancy Kwak, UCSD via Zoom
Andrea Hasenstaub, UCSF via Zoom
Madeleine Sorapure, UCSB
David Smith, UCSC via Zoom
Jonathan Li, Undergraduate Student Representative