

## BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS

## Minutes of Meeting

February 2, 2018

## I. Consent Calendar

- Approval of BOARS February 2, 2018 Agenda
  - Approval of BOARS January 5, 2018 Minutes
- Action:** The Consent Calendar was approved as noticed.

## II. Announcements

*Henry Sánchez, BOARS Chair*1. Academic Council Meeting of January 31, 2018

Chair Sánchez reported that the Academic Council endorsed the area d proposal, which will now go to the Academic Assembly for ratification on February 14, 2018. The data submitted in response to concerns about disadvantaging certain vulnerable populations in under-resourced schools by increasing requirements was persuasive to those who had raised the questions. Chair Sánchez reminded members that the change is in response to the state Board of Education's adoption of Common Core curricular requirements and the Next Generation Science Standards framework.

**Discussion:** Still, some members wondered whether arts-bound students would benefit from increased quantitative reasoning requirements; indeed, some speculated that preparing all high schoolers for college entrance could be counterproductive. Chair Sánchez noted that the Comprehensive Review data indicate that access to advanced high school courses is considered.

2. Update on Other Meetings Attended

- The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) will meet again next Friday. Council Chair White and Council Vice Chair May represented UC at an ICAS transfer forum yesterday.
- Last Friday, Chair Sánchez joined BOARS' sister committee on preparatory education (UCOPE) for a discussion of whether Smarter Balanced scores should be considered for academic assessment of UC enrollees. CSU uses it for placement and not for admissions. There are several concerns about "teaching to the test". The first Common Core cohort, which is to be measured by the Smarter Balanced assessments, will graduate high school in 2026.  
**Action:** UCSB Representative Sorapure will fill the BOARS' representative slot on UCOPE.
- The Transfer Task Force met January 31, 2018. It is being co-chaired by Provost Brown and Senate immediate past-chair Chalfant. The task force has been

tasked to investigate establishing two AS degrees- in chemistry and in physics, and to investigate creating an admission guarantee. Pilots are being developed.

### **III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership**

*Robert May, Academic Council Vice Chair*

- The joint Working Group on Retiree Health Benefits has convened and begun its work. The Senate lobbied for additional representatives on the Working Group on the basis of subject-matter expertise and received an additional seat. The Working Group charge has been amended to include a broad perspective and long-term outcomes as well as short-term requirements. Recommendations are due in the spring for implementation in 2019.
- The President has indicated a willingness to act on the faculty salary gap. The Senate's committee on faculty welfare (UCFW) is leading development of a recommendation to close the gap, while still respecting local flexibility and off-scale increments.
- The Huron report included several significant change options for systemwide offices. The political import of UC's response should not be underestimated, but neither should the efficiency of UCOP as indicated by the report be underestimated. The Senate continues to counsel a deliberate approach.
- Intersegmental transfer issues are exacerbated by advising and communications breakdowns. The impact of online classes in this area is still unclear, and UC officials, represented by the Innovative Learning and Teaching Initiative (ILTI), continue to stress pedagogy and educational experience, not just "innovation", in course approvals.
- Many are closely following the implementation of revised augmented review guidelines.

### **IV. Campus Reports**

**Berkeley:** 1) Annual policy reviews and updates are underway. 2) Athletics admissions are being monitored.

**Davis:** Best practices are sought for declaring a major "impacted" or "no longer impacted". When such a change is made, transfer preparation is frequently asked to change, too, but the new 2-year notice requirement seems to hamstring responsiveness.

**Irvine:** 1) Some key personnel have changed, but operations have been smooth.

**Los Angeles:** 1) CUARS is continuing to gather information about practices related to Admission by Exception policy and Athletics Admissions. 2) Clarification on the use of application fees is desired. Many suggest that the nearly 10-year old policy should be amended.

**Discussion:** Student Affairs personnel noted that there is no application fee policy per se, but that guidance could be updated. The AVCs for admission are also discussing this issue, and Senate support of particular principles could be strategically useful.

3) Some impacted departments have floated the idea of early admits to their major. The process for establishing this practice is unclear.

**Merced:** 1) WASC accreditors will visit campus this month. The campus academic structures are being assessed. 2) The provost announced his retirement effective in June. 3) A local enrollment management process is being developed.

**Riverside:** 1) The transfer ratio is now 3.07:1; outreach and winter admissions proved effective. Even though the transfer GPA threshold was lowered, preliminary data show first quarter academic success. Additional strategies are being explored. 2) The campus is considering expanding online offerings for summer with the stated goal of ensuring time-to-degree. 3) Data on the cost of the admission review process is sought.

**San Diego:** The campus is STEME (STEM + Engineering) enrollment heavy, due in large part to applicant self-selection. Some wonder if non-STEME applicants are disadvantaged during the review process. STEME applicants generally have higher SAT scores, but non-STEME applicants tend to do better on subject achievement tests. First-year GPAs for non-STEME students are also usually higher. Some suggest UCSD should admit a curated class, not just high-performing individuals.

**San Francisco:** Preliminary campus response to the option of severing UC Health from UCOP has been muted.

**Santa Barbara:** 1) The campus is still recovering from natural disasters at the end of 2017. 2) Admission review procedures were evaluated for consideration of academic promise.

**Santa Cruz:** 1) Computer Science is suddenly an impacted major, and the campus is trying various ad hoc measures to accommodate the influx. 2) Achieving the 2:1 transfer ratio has proven difficult.

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

### **1. Annual Report on Undergraduate Admissions and Comprehensive Review Next Steps**

ACP Handel reminded members that his office has requested a deferment on the report, to reflect actual enrollment data, not just data inclusive of Statements of Intent to Register. The Regents' office response is still pending.

The 2017 report will echo previous reports' structure, with minor adjustments. Some data reconciliation due to software changes is also still forthcoming. Nonetheless, overarching trends seem clear. In many areas, non-resident enrollment seems to have plateaued, but the impact of federal immigration and border security efforts is unclear. Similarly, the impact on resident diversity figures is also unclear.

Preliminary data indicate that UC is currently admitting more than 16% of California high school graduates, far in excess of the 12.5% mandated by the Master Plan. Still, legislative calls to increase California undergraduate enrollment, absent increased funding, rebound.

### **2. AP Computer Science A Credit Adjustment**

This item was considered by a previous BOARS in 2016. The original reviewers were contacted, and they acknowledged that the program has changed during the interim. Student Affairs therefore recommends that the course in question be granted 8 quarter units. Changes would be effective for freshman entering in the fall of 2018; it will not be retroactive.

**Action:** The item passed unanimously. Analyst Feer will convey the recommendation to the Academic Council for promulgation.

3. Task Force Updates

UC continues to assert that it is meeting its obligations in the transfer arena. Statistical evidence compiled by the Office of Student Affairs will be shared when ready.

4. Eligibility Study Overview

The study was concluded last summer, and UC is exceeding its threshold mandate. Nonetheless, diversity indicators could improve. A legislative committee is reviewing the Master Plan, which is now nearly 50 years old.

5. "a-g" Course Management Portal Refresh Update

The annual course articulation cycle has just opened for new or revised high school courses; it will remain open through June. More than 250,000 individual high school classes were rolled-over this year; the number of new classes submitted for articulation is not yet known. Courses, once approved, remain approved barring unforeseen or significant content revision. A new dashboard is being developed to help school districts track their a-g course approvals and to allow district-level analyses. The UCOP-housed database is the only repository available.

6. Update on Smarter Balanced Assessments

Both UC Scout and the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress - CAASPP) are currently housed at UCSC Extension. Smarter Balanced assessments represent a new type of testing: rather than once-a-year, year-end testing, chapter-based testing will occur; rather than fill-in tests, the assessment will be more open-ended. The SBSA has replaced the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

Members noted that computer literacy and keyboarding skills may be necessary for students to excel at the revised testing interface. Assessing the predictability of the new testing schema for college success will take time.

**VI. Response to DACA Uncertainty**

President Napolitano has filed suit against the federal government in protest of its position on Dreamers, or DACA recipients. She has also asked the campuses to increase support for impacted student and employee populations. BOARS considers whether to opine on the matter.

Many members suspected that a faculty opinion on the matter would only bring unwanted attention to the topic. Others suspected that BOARS would not be able to present arguments beyond those submitted by the President's brief. Still others suggested that admissions are under enough scrutiny already.

The committee will return to this topic as needed in the future.

**VII. Executive Session**

*None.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kenneth Feer, Principal Analyst

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