

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS

Minutes of Videoconference

July 5, 2019

I. Consent Calendar

1. Approval of BOARS July 5, 2019 Agenda
2. Approval of 2-year Advanced Notice for Changes to Major Preparation Requirements
3. Approval of Revised Comprehensive Review Guidelines

Action: The consent calendar was approved as noticed.

II. Chair's Announcements

- Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair

The Academic Council will send the BOARS' request to eliminate the SAT/ACT writing test as an admission requirement for full systemwide review in the fall. Members noted that UC must be clear that rescission of the admission requirement in no way diminishes the importance of writing to all UC students, regardless of major.

The Standardized Testing Task Force is on hiatus until the fall. Members observed that it would be unfortunate if UC were to eliminate current "high stakes" tests (SAT and ACT) only to impose a new one (SBA).

III. Consultation with Office of Ethics, Compliance and Audit Services (ECAS)

- Alex Bustamante, Senior Vice President
- Matt Hicks, Systemwide Deputy Audit Officer

1. Admission Audits Update and Next Steps

Mr. Bustamante reported that he and his office had spoken with the campus admission directors (ADs) regarding the recommendations contained in the internal audit report. The ADs raised concerns about workload, the level of documentation requested, and the resources associated with such a massive increase in duties and obligations, and ECAS indicated that deadlines could be flexible in the short term. BOARS members are encouraged to work with ADs to ensure that normal processes are followed, unless they have been identified for revision. Further, a state audit of UC admissions is likely to begin in early 2020. Members requested copies of the individual campus reports and the associated suggested corrective actions, which Mr. Bustamante agreed to supply once finalized.

IV. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

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

Note: Item not addressed.

V. Consultation with Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs

- Yvette Gullatt, Interim Vice President
 - Liz Halimah, Associate Vice Provost, Diversity and Engagement
1. Transfer Guarantee Next Steps

Ms. Gullatt reported that, following the spring market research focus groups, and echoing the foci on academic preparation and clarity in communications, the new transfer guarantee will be marketed as “TAG+”. Additional market testing will occur during July, and President Napolitano and CCC Chancellor Ortiz Oakley will officially launch the new program in mid-August. Specific outreach is being designed for under-represented minority populations and low-sending CCCs.

VI. Campus Reports and New Business

Berkeley: absent.

Davis: Discussion has focused on the resources needed to comply with the internal admission audit recommendations.

Irvine: Enrollment management strategies are being discussed, and the local committee will meet with the campus admission director to discuss improvements to application reader training.

Los Angeles: Discussion has focused on the goals underlining the recommendations in the internal admission audit report.

Merced: A new AD is being recruited, and enrollment management for impacted majors can no longer be delayed.

Riverside: Reader discrepancies in the holistic review pilot have caused the campus to pause implementation. Best practices for assessing information in the personal insight questions are sought.

San Diego: Some departments are exploring “capacity-based” admissions.

San Francisco: absent.

Santa Barbara: Consistency among readers in the holistic review process should be improved. How to best measure and incorporate adversity scores is under discussion.

Santa Cruz: Local discussion has focused on how the internal admission audit recommendations can be implemented and on how granular economic disadvantage data can/should be.

New Business:

Members seek clarification as to how “first generation” and “low income” are used, and whether that usage is consistent across campuses.

How to capture statistically non-cognitive and psycho-social factors remains an issue.

Call ended at 12:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kenneth Feer, Principal Analyst

Attest: Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Chair

Melissa Famulari, BOARS Vice Chair

Deborah Swenson, UCD

Laura O’Connor, UCI

Rene Ong, UCLA

Catherine Keske, UCM

David Volz, UCR

Robert Pomeroy, UCSD Alternate

Miriam Metzger, UCSB Alternate

Davis Smith, UCSC