

Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools

Minutes of Meeting

January 7, 2022

I. Chair's Announcements

*Madeleine Sorapure, BOARS Chair*

1. Academic Council of December 15, 2021

- No systemwide committee meetings may be held in-person until April at the earliest, pending further notice.
- Chair Sorapure presented an admissions overview to the Council.
- The University Committee on Education Policy (UCEP) presented on fully online undergraduate degree programs. The Senate has not been able to move forward since a 2020 task force report. UCEP will develop principles to help guide future discussions.

2. Other Committees

- The Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) meets next week.
- The University Committee on Preparatory Education meets later this month.

3. Compare Favorably Working Group Update

*Julian Betts, UCSD Representative and Li Cai, UCLA Representative*

The working group has explored the creation of a "California Comparable" GPA based on preliminary data. The algorithm could be further refined with the addition of majors and out-of-state regions. Other factors might include 2<sup>nd</sup> year UC GPA, international socio-economic status equivalents, and specific metrics for transfer students.

II. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

*Robert Horwitz, Academic Council Chair*

*Susan Cochran, Academic Council Vice Chair*

- Labor: 1) The University and the Graduate Student Researcher union reached an agreement. The definition of a "graduate school employee" should be clear. Some worry that the contract provisions may induce more use of post-doctoral scholars, or that changing between the two and variation across the campuses could complicate implementation. 2) Academic Personnel and Programs is making a tool-kit for Unit 18 contract implementation.
- Senate membership: 1) Unit 18 membership has been deferred until the next round of contract negotiations. 2) Clinician concerns, however, continue to be active. A working group to explore clinician concerns should start its work later this month.
- The working group to assess location of Master program approval should begin its work soon.

- 1) The Senate is exploring with the Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Audit Services (ECAS) the creation of 1-pagers to help guide faculty with their compliance requirements. 2) Discussion also continues with ECAS regarding whistle-blower services for faculty and trainees assigned to affiliated hospitals that practice different standards of care.
- Budget: 1) The Governor's budget is expected next week. UC has asked for significant funds due to the budget surplus. Faculty merits and a scale increase have already been approved and funds identified. 2) Certain cohorts of long-term UCRP annuitants are at risk of seeing their inflation adjusted purchasing power fall below 75%, so an ad hoc COLA is being considered for impacted groups.
- Climate Crisis: Both operations and curricula must change. The Academic Council approved a memorial to the Regents calling for a cut of on-campus combustion to 5% of current levels by 2030. The item next goes to the Academic Assembly, and if approved, from there for a full Senate faculty vote.
- Circulation of the preliminary report of the Mitigating the Impact of COVID on Faculty Working Group needs to increase. It contains guidance for research fund restoration, CAP evaluations, and the use of impact statements. A final report will be issued in the spring.
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship: The Regents have proposed moving patent authority to the campuses from UCOP, and the Senate has no objections. The Regents have also proposed adding credit for entrepreneurship to the APM as a category for academic review, and the Senate does have objections. The Academic Council will take up the matter later this month.
- Teaching modalities: Consistent guidelines are needed, especially in cases of preference versus medical necessity, etc. A pedagogical justification should be included in decisions.
- AB 928: This new law calls on the three public California higher education segments to create a singular general education transfer pathway. ICAS will lead the effort, and a special intersegmental task force of faculty and staff is being formed.
- The new UC Online Advisory Committee should meet soon.
- Academic integrity: Concerns about CourseHero and Chegg remain. The Senate dialogue with UC Legal and the Provost continues. Recent press reports of investor dissatisfaction seem to support the Senate position.
- Recruitments: 1) Nominees for the next Council vice chair are sought. 2) Senate Executive Director Baxter is retiring, and the posting for her replacement is open and the search committee formed.
- Omicron pivot: The Senate continues to call for standards and regulations, not one-off reactions.

### III. **BOARS Business**

1. Comprehensive Review
  - a. Geography in Comprehensive Review  
*Note: Item deferred.*
  - b. Criteria Viability Overall  
*Note: Item deferred.*
  - c. 10-year Summary Report Metrics
    - Members will closely review the previous report and discussion will continue.

#### **IV. Consultation with the Office of the President – Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs**

*Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Executive Director, Undergraduate admissions*

*Monica Lin, Director, A-G and Transfer Policy Analysis & Coordination*

*Tongshan Chang, Director, IRAP*

##### **1. Dual Admission Update**

President Drake has approved a program in response to state budget trailer bill. Stakeholders will be convened to develop an implementation plan. The program will begin for Fall 2023 as a 3-year pilot.

##### **2. Area C (Math)**

A systemwide ad hoc faculty working group has been convened in response to forthcoming changes to the state's *Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools*. The working group is asked to deliberate on UC's definition of foundational, college-prep math for area C. The articulation and approval of area C courses could be impacted. BOARS can expect workgroup recommendations by the summer.

#### **V. Further Discussion**

*None.*

Adjournment: 12:20 pm

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Attest: Madeleine Sorapure, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

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Barbara Knowlton, BOARS Vice Chair

Hector Rodriquez, UCB

Anne Britt, UCD

Sergio Gago Masague, UCI

Li Cai, UCLA

Wallace Cleaves, UCR

Julian Betts, UCSD

Michael Stryker, UCSF

Greg Mitchell, UCSB

Laura Giuliano, UCSC

Luis Garcia Chavez, Undergraduate Student Representative