UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA **ACADEMIC SENATE**

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS

Minutes of Meeting

April 6, 2018

I. Consent Calendar

- Approval of BOARS April 6, 2018 agenda
  Action: The agenda was approved as amended.
- Approval of BOARS March 2, 2018 minutes
  Action: The minutes were approved as noticed.

II. Announcements

Henry Sánchez, BOARS Chair

- Academic Council Meeting of March 21, 2018
  The outcome of BOARS' upcoming work on transfer guarantees could have implications for the University's budget. The May revise will indicate how well UC has been able to repair relations in Sacramento. President Napolitano and CCC Chancellor Oakley, who is also a UC Regent, are expected to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding the transfer guarantee.

- ICAS of April 18, 2018
  The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) will hold a legislative action day on April 18. ICAS will meet with legislative analysts for lawmakers proposing education related bills, including funding bills.

- Joint meeting with CSU AAC, May 16, 2018
  Members are reminded to make travel arrangements and to submit any agenda items.

- Letters of support regarding "area d" changes
  Chair Sánchez has received four letters of support regarding the new area d requirements, and copies will be enclosed in the upcoming Regents item. Letters have been submitted by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, President of the State Board of Education Michael Kirst, the California High School Science Teachers Association, and Children Now. Each letter praises the attention to access and equity reflected in the process and the outcomes.

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

Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Director of Undergraduate Education
Monica Lin, Director, Academic Preparation and Relations with Schools and Colleges
Tongshan Chang, Manager, IRAP

1. Preliminary Admissions Data

   The state required UC to take an additional 1,500-2,000 new (unfunded) students again this year. Many of the new slots will be allocated to transfer students to help achieve the 2:1 ratio. The rate of freshman admission is down because the overall number of applications is up; it was 62%, but it is currently 57%. UCOP is wary of overenrolling freshman and thereby missing the 2:1 transfer admission goal. As a result, most campuses anticipate expanded use of wait lists this year. The referral pool is also larger this year, with 12,500 in the pool. Diversity rates seem to be holding at most campuses so far. Further data will be available in mid-June.

   Members observed that wait lists play negatively in the public eye. Director Yoon-Wu noted that applicants will have until April 15 to opt-in to the wait list, and about half do so. Of those who opt-in, the yield rate ranges between 30-45%. Because many students apply to 20 schools on average, the efficacy of wait lists is a national issue. Members also observed that no amount of factual information was likely to assuage an angry parent or applicant. Improving clarity and counseling on the freshman admission guarantee and the comprehensive review process is an on-going objective.

2. Transfer Guarantee

   With Jim Chalfant, Immediate Past Chair, Academic Council

   The transfer guarantee should work similar to the freshman admission guarantee: it should be systemwide, and admission should be to the system, not necessarily to a particular campus. As such, a transfer referral pool is anticipated. Implementing comprehensive review in the transfer admission process is challenging, but many feel that transfer applicants should be evaluated on more than GPAs. Whether UC should develop a transfer degree, similar to the CSU Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), remains a matter of internal debate. UC's established Transfer Pathways would not easily be combined into a single degree track, especially since CSU's ADTs are capped at 60 semester units. Academic and resource need variation within the CCCs remains an obstacle as well.

   President Napolitano has asked for a plan to be in place for Fall 2019 applicants.

3. Comprehensive Review Report

   Members suggested adding a new recommendation to this year's report directly noting the structural obstacles to increasing the freshman class year over year; even delayed indicators such as academic probation should now show the negative impacts of overcrowding and underfunding.

   Action: Revised text will be circulated electronically over the weekend. A final copy will be submitted to UCOP early next week.

4. Compare Favorably Report Next Steps

   Note: Item not addressed.

IV. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Shane White, Academic Council Chair

Robert May, Academic Council Vice Chair

- Relations with the State

  In advance of the May revise, UC has requested additional funding from the state, above what Governor Brown proposed in January. UC is asking for a tuition buy-out of $70M, $25M for overcrowding, $35M for deferred maintenance, and $5M for graduate student enrollment growth. It now appears that the $50M sequestration from the UCOP line-item is all-or-nothing in regards to the condition placed on release of funds; a good-faith effort is unlikely to succeed. That a new condition, the transfer guarantee, has been added at this late stage is unlucky for UC. That the guarantee has been misrepresented in the press is further bad luck.

  Governor Brown now has five vacancies to fill on the Board of Regents. Given his past appointments, Governor Brown is likely to appoint UC skeptics to the Board.

- Transfer Guarantee

  What precisely is being guaranteed must be made clear to all stakeholder groups. The principles UC supports should also be made clear. Student success via academic preparation should be one focus of Senate communications. CCC funding seems more stable than in the past, but not each CCC has the same goal: some emphasize transfer, some vocational education, some continuing education, etc.

  Best practices in the transfer arena should be better illuminated. Longitudinal data on probation, persistence, time-to-degree, and the like should be analyzed.

  Action: IRAP will generate transfer data.

V. Executive Session

Note: During Executive Session, other than action items, no notes are taken.

Action: BOARS members will develop summary documents for their campus's transfer practices.

Action: Chair Sánchez will draft a memo indicating BOARS' willingness to spearhead the transfer guarantee project.

Action: BOARS will meet on May 4, in addition to the May 16 CSU AAC meeting. An additional videoconference for transfer issues may also be scheduled.

VI. Consultation with Academic Affairs

Michael T. Brown, Provost

Provost Brown noted that the transfer guarantee has three high-level values: 1) it sends a clear message to students regarding how to prepare for transfer to UC; 2) it sends a clear message to the CCCs regarding how they need to prepare students for transfer to UC; and 3) it sends clear message to Sacramento regarding the resources needed to accomplish the goals they have set out. A simple guarantee is more easily explained and fulfilled.

Members wondered if additional Transfer Pathways would placate advocates of the guarantee. Provost Brown suggested that overlap could be helpful in some situations. Members wondered if a general education pathway could be created for the majors that do not meet the popularity threshold for development of a dedicated pathway. Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs) could help in cases without a dedicated pathway, but TAGs are not available at every campus and the

TAG student population has historically been less diverse than the general transfer population. The overall goal should be to improve academic readiness.

VII. Campus Reports and Issues

Berkeley: [absent during this item]
Davis: No update.
Irvine: 1) Local discussions have centered on how best to support DACA applicants and students. Ally sessions are being prepared. 2) A pilot program in physics and engineering is being tested. 3) Some have raised the issue of approaching enrollment management on a school or major basis. Low HABSS enrollments are a concern.
Los Angeles: The athletics department has shared some data on their admissions practices. They claim that rigorous prescreening leads to their high admission rate, but their prescreening relies upon the athletic department's assessment of academic risk. Last year, about half of those referred to the student athletic admission committee were estimated to meet general eligibility requirements, and about half were considered for admission by exception (ABE) through either i) consent, ii) some risk, or iii) high risk. Composition and credentials of the committee are unknown at present, and additional data will be requested on the screening process, determination of academic risk, and any variation by sport.
Merced: How to incentivize students who have "stopped out"- those who fail to formally enroll for the next semester but who have not been precluded from doing so- to return is under investigation. Completion of a BA in Liberal Arts, for example, would help student job prospects.
Riverside: 1) Early data suggest that ELC-only students, versus those who have statewide eligibility, are less likely to enroll if a major must be specified prior to arrival on campus. 2) Despite a low minimum GPA for transfer students, their performance is adequate. A clear cause has not yet been found.
San Diego: An internal investigation into applications and admissions by major across campuses is underway. That UC has 500+ named majors has complicated the investigation.
San Francisco: No update.
Santa Barbara: 1) Use of the TAG on campus is under scrutiny. Changes to the minimum GPA are being considered, even though TAG admits traditionally perform well. 2) How extant TAGs would interact with the new transfer guarantee is unclear. 3) There are increasing calls to better balance Letters and Humanities admission numbers with STEM numbers.
Santa Cruz: 1) The campus continues to close its compare favorably gap. 2) Strong numbers of statements of intent to register (SIRs) were received, so minimal use of the wait list is expected.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

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Attest: Henry Sánchez, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

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Eddie Comeaux, BOARS Vice Chair
Frank Worrell, UCB

Patrick Farrell, UCD
Laura O'Connor, UCI
Anna Lau, UCLA
Christopher Viney, UCM
Peter Sadler, UCR
Josh Kohn, UCSD
Andrea Hausenstaub, UCSF
Madeleine Sorapure, UCSB
David Smith, UCSC
Kevin Heller, Graduate Student Representative
Jonathan Li, Undergraduate Student Representative