

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

Minutes of Meeting

May 4, 2018

I. Consent Calendar

1. Agenda for BOARS May 4, 2018 meeting
Action: The agenda was approved as amended.
2. Minutes of BOARS April 6, 2018 meeting
Action: The minutes were approved as noticed.

II. Announcements

Henry Sánchez, BOARS Chair

1. Academic Council meeting of April 25, 2018

President Napolitano spoke on the MOU signed with the California Community Colleges (CCC) to improve transfer practices. BOARS will take the lead on this issue (see also Item V below). The Working Group on Retiree Health Benefits continues to evaluate different options. A recommendation is due in June.

Faculty salary scales will receive a 4% increase this year, but no money has been allotted from the center for off-scale or above scale salary actions.

Discussion of how to improve the sexual violence/sexual harassment investigation process continues.

Campuses will have the flexibility to implement changes to the Lecturer with Security of Employment (LSOE) policy using local vernacular.

The governor's "May Revise" budget will be released next week.
2. Update on Other Meetings attended
 - The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) met April 16 in Sacramento and consulted with legislative analysts for Assemblymen and Senators on the higher education committees. The Senate in particular seems more supportive of UC than in recent years. Discussion focused on cooperative efforts to meet student needs, such as mental health support.
 - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) standards are being evaluated, especially in mathematics. Changes in CCC curricula could remove certain prerequisites in an effort to speed time-to-degree; the pedagogical value of this move is under debate. Some sequences may be eliminated altogether. Transfer admissions officers need clarity regarding GPA assessments. Many are concerned that even if students pass a "placement" course, the lack of continuous math exposure could have negative academic outcomes; this is the same logic used in-part to justify the California State University (CSU) proposal to require a fourth year of math/quantitative reasoning and the UC area 'd' change.
 - UCSB Representative Sorapure attended the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) meeting of April 27, 2018: The predictive value of the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) is in dispute, especially vis-à-vis other tests, such as the SAT, AP, IB, etc. General education classes intended to be writing intensive often cannot find adequate readers.

3. Joint Meeting with CSU AAC

Members are reminded that the meeting will occur May 16 in Long Beach at the CSU Chancellors campus.

4. Letters of Support for area 'd'

The Academic Assembly has endorsed the change, but the Provost has not yet advanced the item to the Regents as he has more questions about access equity. Letters of support are being sought from CSU and CCC. IRAP is working to document the predictive value of additional academic preparation. Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) and Admission by Exception (ABE) will remain options.

III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Note: Item not addressed.

IV. Campus Reports

Berkeley: The admission director will be leaving over the summer, and the associate vice chancellor position is also vacant.

Davis: An analysis of holistic review is underway with an eye toward Compare Favorably metrics.

Irvine: The student enrollment bolus has not impacted all departments equally, so there are some newly impacted majors; some 10 majors receive 80% of applicants. The campus is considering changing to admission by major, and best practices are welcomed. Changing into specific majors once on campus is difficult.

Los Angeles: 1) More data on athletic admissions have been shared, and a request for additional parsing and a narrative of the applicant vetting process have been drafted in response. A formal reporting relationship is being considered, perhaps an ex officio member on either body. 2) Internal admissions criteria are also under review.

Merced: 1) The campus cannot enroll the entire referral pool or take all transfer applicants, so a public position is being developed to explain campus processes. 2) The general education requirement is being restructured, and some fear that writing intensive courses are being slowly sidelined.

Riverside: 1) The campus will revisit requirements and processes used to adjust major preparations. 2) Many are concerned that the transfer guarantee will place the campus in a further bind, rather than facilitate the transfer process. Messaging will be critical to the effort.

San Diego: 1) The campus has been focused on completing the Compare Favorably report. 2) A systemwide assessment of applications by major is still underway. Some interdisciplinary programs have been hard to code.

San Francisco: No update.

Santa Barbara: 1) Concerns about the transfer guarantee have been the focus of local discussion. 2) An assessment of change of major processes and outcomes is underway.

Santa Cruz: 1) The campus is awaiting updated data on Statements of Intent to Register (SIRs). 2) An advance notification of admission is being considered for high priority recruits.

Graduate Student: No update.

Undergraduate Student: (absent during this item)

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

Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Interim Associate Vice President and Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Monica Lin, Director, Academic Preparation and Relations with Schools and Colleges

Tongshan Chang, Manager, IRAP

1. Preliminary Admission Update

Most transfer applicants have made decisions, and freshman have a deadline of May 1 for SIR submission. So far a strong yield is evident, with only two campuses considering taking applicants from wait lists; final notices will be sent at the end of June. A reminder will be sent that campuses should not use academic verification as an enrollment management tool. The non-resident cap is being observed mindfully. Only 1,000 of the 12,500 in the referral pool accepted the referral to Merced, and 200 have SIR'd.

2. Transfer Guarantee

Chair Sánchez reminded all that regulations to meet the MOU guarantee must be in place by fall 2019 for those who will transfer to UC in the fall of 2021. The Senate has been asked to do five things: 1) establish a guarantee, 2) expand the transfer pathways, 3) address the unit cap concerns in chemistry and physics, 4) conduct a comprehensive assessment of transfer preparation and communications, and 5) establish an intersegmental oversight group to monitor success. To allow for systemwide review and Regental consideration, BOARS must submit its recommendations to the Academic Council by September 2018.

Prior to the meeting, members were asked to identify dominant trends in transfer admissions at their campus. A wide discrepancy in the roles and areas of emphasis became clear: Some use comprehensive review, while others use only GPAs. Some Senate committees are only involved in reviewing applications to certain majors. Still other locations emphasize major preparation, and six campuses use Transfer Admission Guarantees.

Expanding the transfer pathways to related majors is already in process in some areas; new pathways are not yet being planned. A lack of articulated pathways at individual CCCs remains an obstacle. Pathway interdigitation with CSU's Associate Degrees for Transfer also remains difficult. International students will not be eligible for the transfer guarantee, consistent with the freshman admission guarantee policy.

UC cooperation with CCC academic advisors and counselors will be as important as direct communications with potential transfer students.

Many members felt that shared governance in the process leading up to the MOU was not carried out effectively. While the Senate has been granted by the Regents authority to set the terms and conditions for admission, the Senate and BOARS were not involved until the president issued the agreement publicly. However, the MOU does give the Academic Senate and BOARS the task of developing a Transfer Guarantee policy.

Action: BOARS gave direction to IRAP for generation of pertinent data to be considered at the next meeting.

3. Compare Favorably Report Next Steps

Note: Item deferred.

VI. Executive Session

Note: Item not addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Attest: Henry Sánchez, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

Henry Sánchez, Chair
Eddie Comeaux, Vice Chair
Frank Worrell, UCB
Patrick Farrell, UCD
Julie Ferguson, UCI Alternate
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