

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS

Minutes of Meeting

October 7, 2022

I. Chair's Announcements

Barbara Knowlton, BOARS Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview of BOARS Operations and Continuing Issues
 - Recent changes to Regents policies require conforming amendments to Senate Regulations.
 - Transfer admissions and transfer student success are in the public eye and have the attention of the Regents. To show its commitment, the Senate has empaneled a new Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues (ACSCOTI) to lead Senate efforts. BOARS and other relevant Senate committees, such as the University Committee on Education Policy (UCEP) and the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE), will work closely with ACSCOTI. Increasing transfer from low-sending California Community Colleges (CCCs) and improving diversity in the transfer ranks are just two priorities. State legislation calls for a singular general education transfer pathway (see Item V below) and for greater use of the Associate Degree for Transfer used by the CCCs and the California State University (CSU) system. The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) will lead legislative responses.
 - BOARS will continue to consider the addition of an Ethnic Studies requirement for first-year admission. Assembly Bill 101 calls for a state-wide public high school graduation requirement in Ethnic Studies by 2030, and the current state model curriculum is broader than previous state efforts, such as those related to AB 331. Should BOARS move forward and endorse such an admissions requirement, several additional levels of review and approval would be needed; the process is still in its early phases. A new working group is being formed under the leadership of Vice Chair Cleaves, and regular updates to BOARS will be provided. Besides possible academic standards for courses, the working group will consider academic efficacy, what plans high schools already have in place, how under-resourced schools might react to an additional requirement, whether "overlays" can meet academic standards, and more.
3. Other Committees

BOARS needs a volunteer to join UCOPE ex officio. Interested members should contact Chair Knowlton.
4. Meeting In-Person

BOARS is approved for two in-person meetings. Barring the unforeseen, the first will be December 2.

II. Consultation with the Office of the President – Graduate, Undergraduate, and Equity Affairs

Yvette Gullatt, Vice President and Vice Provost

Han Mi Yoon-Wu, Executive Director, Undergraduate Admissions

Chase Fischerhall, Associate Director, A-G and Transfer Policy Analysis & Coordination

Tongshan Chang, Director, IRAP

1. Admissions Overview

GUEA provided an overview of UC admissions, including high school course articulation, relevant Regents policies, Comprehensive Review, minimum admissions requirements, transfer Pathways, the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program, and more.

2. UC Information Center Overview

IRAP provided an overview of the UC Information Center, including dashboards that focus on admissions data, enrollment data, and student success data.

III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

Susan Cochran, Academic Council Chair

James Steintrager, Academic Council Vice Chair

- UCOP has several new high-level administrators that may require orientation to UC Shared Governance. A new systemwide provost should be hired soon, and a new Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Programs has just started.
- The Regents met in September. 1) The Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) received a report on transfer admissions and the dual admission pilot program announced last year. ASAC also received an update on Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) and the impacts of COVID on the data. UC Irvine has launched a new program for incarcerated individuals, LIFTED. 2) President Drake announced his four goals for the year: increasing academic access and excellence, leading on the climate crisis, fostering an inclusive and safe university community, and expanding access to UC-quality health care across the state, including our most vulnerable communities.
- The Cal-GETC review item (see Item V below) is out for an up-or-down vote only. Nonetheless, all systemwide review items should be evaluated closely.
- Many external critics and internal stakeholders are calling for the transfer process to be simplified.
- The faculty survey report is publicly available and should be shared widely.
- The Senate remains focused on improving faculty salary competitiveness.

IV. BOARS Business

1. General Campus Updates

UCB: 1) Academic preparation is uneven among first-year students, despite similarities on paper. 2) Some have voiced concern of the Cal-GETC's proposed elimination of the foreign language requirement for UC admission. 3) Students who followed the data science pathway for mathematics in high school did not study enough calculus, which is impeding their academic progress. Remediating this omission has proven difficult in many instances. Communications to counselors on this topic should be reevaluated.

UCD: 1) Relationships with new admissions staff are being built. 2) Communications regarding academic expectations and remediation options should be improved.

UCI: Topics for the first meeting will include reader training for new members and evaluation of student success metrics.

UCLA: 1) Ethnic Studies is in the fore. 2) Cal-GETC is expected to be approved. 3) Some have reservations about the Dual Admission program and will monitor the pilot closely. 4) The campus may seek designation as an Hispanic Serving Institution. 5) There is a new athletics oversight function this year.

UCM: 1) Ethnic Studies is in the fore. The optimal balance between faculty expertise and legislative expectations is unclear. 2) Financial aid impacts on enrollment goals are complicated and require further scrutiny. Assessment by discipline may prove informative.

UCR: (Speaking last) In addition to the themes already noted, there is considerable local concern about math preparation for first-year students. Many are being sent to non-unit bearing classes, impacting time to degree, classroom space, and more.

UCSD: The local committee has not met yet, but there is already chatter about ethnic studies and enrollment management.

UCSF: The campus continues not to admit undergraduates.

UCSB: 1) New members are undergoing orientation. 2) Admission requirements, including Cal-GETC, Area C, and a possible Ethnic Studies Area H, were discussed. 3) The admissions office is finally fully staffed. 4) In-person recruitment events have resumed, but the loss of institutional memory is evident. 5) High school counselors have voiced confusion about the Area C requirement.

UCSC: 1) Some wondered how the ethnic studies requirement in the new Cal-GETC was related to the ethnic studies course that would potentially be required as part of the high school A-G requirements for admission to the UC.

V. Systemwide Review Items

➤ Determine Committee Position

- Second Systemwide Review of Presidential Policy on Abusive Conduct in the Workplace
Chair Knowlton, Lead Reviewer

Chair Knowlton summarized the proposal and the changes from the first systemwide review. More examples would be useful, but the committee is supportive of the proposal.

- Analyst Feer will draft a memo.

➤ Assign Lead Reviewers

- Proposed Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC)
 - Chair Knowlton will serve as lead reviewer.
- Entry Level Writing Requirement Task Force Report and Recommendations
 - UCLA Representative Watson will serve as lead reviewer.
- Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation 630 (Residency)
 - UCM Representative Eaton and UCSC Representative Giuliano will serve as lead reviewers.
- Presidential Policy on Vaccination Programs
 - UCSF Representative Berke will serve as lead reviewer.

VI. Further Discussion and New Business

- Area C expectations should be clarified.
- Some have called on BOARS to reconsider use of the Referral Pool.
- Members are reminded of confidentiality expectations as noted in the Guidelines for Systemwide Academic Senate Committees.

Adjournment: 1:45 pm

Minutes prepared by Kenneth Feer, Principal Analyst

Attest: Barbara Knowlton, BOARS Chair

Attendance:

Barbara Knowlton, Chair

Wallace Cleaves, Vice Chair

Sophie Volpp, UCB

John Stachowicz, UCD

Sergio Gago-Masague, UCI

Robert Watson, UCLA

Charlie Eaton, UCM

Peter Sadler, UCR

Akos Rona-Tas, UCSD

Joshua Berke, UCSF

Greg Mitchell, UCSB

Laura Giuliano, UCSC