

**Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2008
UCOP Room 5320, Oakland, CA**

I. Chair's Announcements

- **Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair**

BOARS Chair Mark Rashid welcomed BOARS members, alternates, and consultants to the meeting. He reported on topics of interest to the committee, including the following:

Career and Technical Education (CTE): Chair Rashid and UCOP admissions staff met with legislators in Sacramento last month to discuss CTE issues, including UC's efforts to recognize CTE courses in its 'a-g' admissions policy requirements. Chair Rashid also recently attended a CTE showcase event at a high school in Elk Grove, CA, which demonstrated part of the "multiple pathway" approach to high school education that has attracted a lot of recent attention from lawmakers.

Academic Council and Assembly Update: The Academic Council met on January 23, where the meeting focused mostly on budget issues and the presidential search. At the Assembly's January 30 meeting, President Dynes addressed UC's enrollment targets in light of the state budget crunch, noting his desire to see UC admit all eligible students for fall 2008. The Assembly also discussed a recently released report by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) concerning UCOP and the Board of Regents. The report, now being circulated around UC, is widely critical of both UCOP and the role of The Regents in UC governance.

Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) Update: ICAS met on Tuesday, March 5, where it discussed the formation of a subcommittee to focus exclusively on Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) issues such as tracking implementation and various other details involved with this very complex transfer initiative.

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the January 11, 2008 BOARS Meeting Minutes

ACTION: BOARS approved the consent calendar via unanimous consent.

III. Consultation with UCOP – Admissions

- **Sue Wilbur, Director, Undergraduate Admissions**

REPORT: Director Wilbur provided BOARS members with an update on the January UCOP release of UC application figures. UC received a record number of student applications this year, including both freshman and transfer applications. The press release may be found [here](#). The media is mostly focused on UC's enrollment plans for fall 2008, however. Provost Hume joined in a conference call with reporters this week, noting UC's proud commitment to offering space to all eligible students in the past and also concern this year given the state's current budget situation. Director Wilbur stated that UC intends to release an official announcement soon concerning UC's enrollment plans for the fall. The Regents will take up student fee increase decisions at their March meeting.

Lastly, Director Wilbur reported on the impact of the UCOP reorganization initiative on her office and staff. A number of people in her office have signed up for the UCOP Voluntary Separation Program, which she expects will greatly impact UCOP admissions work and their ability to serve BOARS in the future.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members expressed great concern for the UCOP admissions office, drawing attention to the impact that the UCOP reorganization decisions will have on BOARS, as stewards of a great number of admissions issues. One BOARS member then offered a motion in support of the UCOP admissions staff and BOARS' concerns in this regard. BOARS members offered broad support for this motion.

ACTION: BOARS members endorsed a resolution in support of the UCOP admissions staff and office functions, drawing attention to the impact on BOARS' obligations as stewards of admissions issues, by a vote of 11 in favor and 0 against. Members agreed to allow BOARS Chair Rashid to make minor clarifying amendments to the resolution prior to submitting it to the Academic Council.

IV. 'G' College Preparatory Elective Course Requirement – Career and Technical Education (CTE) Draft Language

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair
- Susan Wilbur, Director, Undergraduate Admissions

ISSUE: The BOARS Articulation and Evaluation (A&E) Subcommittee has been charged to offer amendments to the 'g' college preparatory elective course requirement in order to include Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in UC 'a-g' admissions policy. The A&E Subcommittee met recently to discuss a final draft of the new 'g' language, included in the BOARS agenda packet today.

DISCUSSION: BOARS Chair Rashid reminded BOARS members that this initiative is directed by a legislative mandate to the California State University system. UC, which has primary responsibility for the 'a-g' policy to which both UC and CSU adheres, has taken the lead in reworking the 'g' elective requirement to include CTE courses via language that is mutually agreeable to both UC and CSU. BOARS Chair Rashid then reviewed the draft 'g' language with the committee, noting that the prior 'g' language did not mention CTE at all. Members then offered clarifying statements, as well as suggested additional policy language to include in the draft. Director Wilbur noted the suggestions and thanked the committee for their input. She will plan to work on the changes to the draft 'g' language with BOARS Chair Rashid and A&E Subcommittee Chair Bill Jacob.

ACTION: It is the sense of the committee that the A&E Subcommittee is on the right track in writing the 'g' college preparatory elective course requirement to include Career and Technical Education draft language.

V. Continued Discussion of Eligibility Reform

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair
- BOARS Members
- Roger Studley, Assistant Director, Admissions Research & Evaluation

ISSUE: BOARS was charged by the Academic Council in December 2007 to revise its eligibility reform proposal in light of the responses received during the systemwide Senate review of the proposal. In January, BOARS held a productive discussion on how to revise the proposal, including consideration of a strengthening of the guarantee, introducing a statewide index for eligibility, and different modalities for achieving these objectives. BOARS must now agree on the final content of the revised draft proposal in order to submit it to the Academic Council in time for consideration at its February 27 meeting.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members discussed various details of the revised draft proposal, including background information on the 12.5% “guarantee” of the Master Plan; use of the Admission by Exception policy at the campuses; public perception of the revised eligibility proposal; and how the revised proposal meets the concerns expressed by the Senate reviewers. Assistant Director Roger Studley also reviewed with the committee simulations of different scenarios of the Entitled to Review policy parameters, requested by BOARS at its January meeting. BOARS members applauded this heroic work, as well as all of Assistant Director Studley’s excellent work for BOARS in preparation of the eligibility reform proposal. After reviewing the simulations, BOARS members discussed their preferred models for developing the new eligibility “guarantee,” other additional entitled to review scenarios, as well as policy arguments in favor of BOARS’ new policy proposal. BOARS members especially liked the increased emphasis on both the heightened quality of applicants that the revised proposal allows, and the focus on the local context in determining eligibility under this new model. The committee then discussed its goals in the public relations arena, as the proposal moves forward through the Academic Council and into the public discourse. Lastly, BOARS members brainstormed a number of additional rationales for the revised eligibility proposal, for the BOARS writing team to consider as it drafts the final proposal in the upcoming week. The committee also agreed to meet via teleconference early next week for a last review of the draft proposal before it is submitted to the Academic Council.

ACTION: BOARS members agreed to support the revised eligibility reform proposal as discussed today by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention. BOARS Chair Rashid will lead the final drafting of the proposal, which will be distributed to the committee at the end of next week, for final consideration at a teleconference to be scheduled for February 18, 2008.

VI. Continued: American Indian Tribes and UC Admissions

- **William Kidder, Special Assistant to the Vice President – Student Affairs**

ISSUE: BOARS is to consider today its final action on this issue – whether BOARS should recommend that it is permissible to consider a student’s membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe as a plus factor in UC admissions policy.

DISCUSSION: Chair Rashid began the discussion by distributing a draft motion prepared by Special Assistant Bill Kidder, and reviewed with BOARS members the information and data that the committee has assessed since this issue was first introduced in November 2007. Members expressed general agreement with the draft motion, with the exception of a few minor language changes, and thanked Special Assistant Bill Kidder for the well-written draft. Members also asked clarifying questions concerning the future implementation of this potential policy change, including changes to the UC undergraduate application.

ACTION: BOARS members unanimously endorsed the draft resolution in support of taking into consideration a student’s membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe in UC admissions, by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 against.

VII. Continued: Shared Admissions Review

- **Sue Wilbur, Director, Undergraduate Admissions**

ISSUE: BOARS is continuing its discussion of the UCOP-proposed shared admissions review policy.

REPORT: Director Wilbur provided BOARS with a brief update in Nina Robinson’s absence from the meeting. She reported that since BOARS’ January meeting, the Admissions Processing Task Force has continued to analyze different campus review model outcomes. Most recently, they are

looking at the UC San Diego quantitative review model. The task force's next meeting is at the end of February. Lastly, Director Wilbur noted that they are being told by UCOP senior managers to proceed quickly on this initiative.

DISCUSSION: BOARS Chair Rashid asked if the task force has given thought to implementing shared review as a pilot project first. Director Wilbur mentioned that this option is being seriously considered at UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara. Depending on the outcomes of the UC San Diego analyses, they may also implement a quantitative review-based pilot as well. Chair Rashid noted the potential peril in accelerating this initiative too much, given the need for faculty buy-in to this significant policy change.

ACTION: BOARS will conduct an extended discussion of this issue at its March 7 meeting.

VIII. For BOARS' Review: Issues Under Systemwide Senate Review

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair
- BOARS Members

A. CCGA – UCEP – ITTP “Dialectic” Paper on Remote/Online Instruction

DISCUSSION: Chair Rashid remarked that BOARS might be interested in this issue, given BOARS' input on ITTP's proposed Senate regulation changes concerning online instruction last year. The ITTP proposal was withdrawn last year, and the issue is now revived via the CCGA-UCEP-ITTP dialectic paper. BOARS members, however, offered no comments on the paper.

ACTION: BOARS members decided via unanimous consent not to opine on the CCGA-UCEP-ITTP Dialectic Paper on Remote/Online Instruction.

B. Reports of The Regents' Task Force on University Diversity

DISCUSSION: After providing a brief background summary of the Regents' Task Force on University Diversity and the resulting reports of the four task force subgroups, Chair Rashid encouraged BOARS members' comments on the substance and recommendations of the reports. BOARS members focused on the Undergraduate Student Diversity Report, including recommendations 5 (eligibility), 6 (comprehensive review) and 7 (shared review). One member noted that BOARS is already addressing recommendations 5 and 6 through its revised eligibility reform proposal. BOARS is also studying shared review this year, the subject of recommendation 7. Members expressed alarm at the disparate impact analysis included at the end of the Undergraduate Student Diversity Report, and suggested that BOARS explore this matter further at a future meeting. Another BOARS member pointed out the discouraging tables in the report that show the number of eligible vs. ineligible UC applicants. The committee member noted that one-third of applicants who are African American are interested in attending UC, yet they are ineligible. BOARS members showed interest in studying these figures in-depth at a future meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Attest: Mark Rashid

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