

Minutes of Meeting – May 4, 2007**I. Executive Session**

Note: Minutes, aside from action items, are not prepared for this portion of the meeting.

II. Welcome and Chair's Announcements

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair

BOARS Chair Mark Rashid welcomed the committee and expressed heartfelt congratulations to BOARS Analyst Kimberly Peterson for her recent promotion to the Educational Relations Department at UCOP. He highlighted Kimberly's dedication and excellent work with BOARS and the Academic Senate, and noted that she will be greatly missed by the committee. BOARS Chair Rashid introduced Michelle Ruskofsky, who will be serving as BOARS Analyst for the remainder of the academic year. He also stated, with great sadness, that BOARS Vice Chair Stoddart has announced her resignation from BOARS due to health concerns. BOARS Chair Rashid and committee members expressed best wishes for her speedy recovery. He then reported on the following activities of the Academic Council and other items of interest:

Academic Council. Council held a teleconference on April 18, and a regular face-to-face meeting on April 25. At the latter meeting, BOARS Chair Rashid provided Council with a briefing on the BOARS Eligibility Reform proposal. President Dynes was present during this portion of the meeting, and expressed interest in learning about the full proposal. BOARS Chair Rashid expects to present the full proposal to Council at their May meeting, with a request that it be distributed for systemwide Senate review in fall 2007.

Campus Meetings. BOARS Chair Rashid recently met with the Santa Cruz and San Diego admissions committees to discuss eligibility reform. He reported that both meetings were productive and informative. Certain concerns were expressed about student preparation, motive, campus support, and administrative concerns such as cost and parents' acceptance of policy reform. Next, BOARS Chair Rashid plans to visit Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, and Davis, with a visit to Merced in the fall.

ICAS Legislative Day. The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) met in Sacramento in early April to discuss common legislative issues and proposals among the three segments of higher education. Consultations were also held with some Legislators and their staff.

CSU Admissions Advisory Committee/BOARS meeting. The next BOARS meeting will be held on June 1 at the CSU Fullerton campus, where BOARS will meet with the CSU Admissions Advisory Committee. At present, the joint portion of the meeting will include a discussion of the BOARS Eligibility Reform proposal.

Testing Subcommittee Follow-up. The subcommittee held a meeting following the April 6 BOARS meeting. BOARS Chair Rashid reminded members to send names of testing experts to Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Chacon, and noted that a full update will be provided at an upcoming BOARS meeting.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the April 6, 2007 BOARS meeting minutes

B. Approval to submit no committee response on the following item under Senate review: proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 181 – University Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy

ACTION: The consent calendar was adopted as noticed.

IV. Consultation with the Office of the President – Admissions

- Nina Robinson, Director of Policy & External Affairs

REPORT: Director Robinson provided a report on the following items of interest:

Ensuring Transfer Success Conferences: Undergraduate Admissions Director Wilbur is not present at the BOARS meeting today due to her attendance at an Ensuring Transfer Success conference, which is one in a series of meetings with the community colleges regarding the transfer process.

Fall 2007 Freshman Admissions Update: Students are expected to submit their intent to register letters by May 1. UCOP has only preliminary enrollment numbers at the moment, which appear close to campus targets. Referral pool and shared experience offers remain to be accounted for. UCOP is closely watching UCLA's African American admits, which appear significantly higher this year. The exact enrollment numbers for all campuses will be officially released at the end of May, however UCLA may announce preliminary numbers earlier in the month.

Long Range Enrollment Planning: The University is embarking on a long range enrollment planning project, in a planning and review process involving UCOP and the campuses starting with an initial meeting in June. Senate committees are expected to be consulted as the project evolves, especially at the divisional level. The timeline is as follows: preliminary numbers are expected in December, with review by UCOP in January 2008; and additional consultations will be held in March, the same month that initial projections are due to the Legislature. The enrollment numbers presented to the Legislature will be accompanied by a narrative and analysis, including a Long Range Planning document.

V. Articulation and Evaluation Subcommittee Update

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair

REPORT: BOARS Chair Rashid attended the April 23 subcommittee meeting in Trish Stoddart's stead, and provided a report on the following items:

- 'a-g' Course Lists for Independent Study Schools/Programs. The subcommittee continues to discuss a proposed policy that will allow non-site based Independent Study Schools/Programs to establish 'a-g' course lists. Subcommittee members discussed proposed recommendations for teacher qualifications and the importance of consistency with UC's online policy. Finally, the subcommittee decided that further revision of the proposed policy is needed and will be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.
- AP/IGETC Chart. The subcommittee discussed the status of a proposed chart displaying how Advanced Placement examination scores may be used in fulfilling IGETC requirements. This chart was developed in response to requests from the community college articulation officers and transfer center directors, and displays how Advanced Placement examination results can be used to fulfill Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements. The chart was also discussed at the April 10 ICAS meeting, where community college faculty raised a number of objections. The A&E subcommittee recommends that further discussion of proposed chart take place in an appropriate venue, such as the ICAS CSU-GE subcommittee.
- Approved Automotive Physics. The subcommittee approved the AutoPhysics course proposed by Monrovia High School for laboratory science ('d') credit, agreeing that the course is a model for academic/career technical education integration. Monrovia High School has been notified of this course approval, and there is considerable excitement regarding this good news.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARS ACTION: The following items were discussed by the A&E Subcommittee, and require final action of the full BOARS committee:

1. Senate Regulation 458

ISSUE: SR 458 allows students from approved colleges in China and Japan to satisfy certain UC history and English language requirements. The A&E subcommittee has found that SR 458 appears to be an archaic, narrow regulation that covers policy that should be dealt with anew.

ACTION: BOARS unanimously approved the recommendation to repeal SR 458. This action will be reported to Council and acted upon in fall 2007.

2. Proposed Mathematics/Science Task Force

ISSUE: The purpose of the task force is to review the language of the mathematics ('c') and laboratory science ('d') requirements. The subcommittee discussed a first draft of a charge to the task force, and reviewed the member nominations. This is a joint Senate-administration task force, and therefore appointments must be officially approved by the Academic Council. BOARS Chair Rashid received approval by the Council at its April meeting to make additional member nominations to those already submitted by the Senate divisions, and also recommend a task force chair.

ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid will contact potential nominees to serve as chair of the task force, and report to BOARS on the outcome. The A&E subcommittee is further charged to nominate task force members from among the names already

submitted by the Senate divisions, as well as collect and recommend additional names on its own.

VI. Report on the Undergraduate Subcommittee of the Regents' Diversity Study Group

- Michael T. Brown, Undergraduate Diversity Chair and Academic Council Vice Chair

REPORT: Council Vice Chair Michael Brown reviewed the origin, membership and charge of the Undergraduate Subcommittee, which is to study undergraduate diversity from its beginnings in K-12 to its culmination at UC. The Subcommittee is expected to recommend either further study of the issues, or recommend actions once its work is complete. They have met four times so far, and anticipate a wrap-up meeting in July. Council Vice Chair Brown reviewed with BOARS the draft set of recommendations, which will be voted on by the Subcommittee at their next meeting and reported to the full Regents' Diversity Study Group.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members applauded the work of the Study Group, and provided positive feedback on the draft recommendations. They commented on UC's academic preparation budget, and the need for additional state support. BOARS members also identified a number of the draft recommendations that would assist BOARS' mission, which they found extremely supportive and encouraging. Lastly, Council Vice Chair Brown suggested that BOARS further explore the issue of federal adverse impact at a future meeting.

VII. UC Freshman Eligibility Reform

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair

ISSUE: At the April BOARS meeting, the committee unanimously passed a proposal for a new UC eligibility policy. Today, BOARS Chair Rashid looks forward to the committee's action to forward the full Eligibility Reform proposal to the Academic Council for eventual systemwide Senate review in fall 2007. BOARS Chair Rashid has amended the draft proposal that the committee reviewed last month, including separating the legislative proposals from other elements of the proposal, and further addressing issues concerning the referral pool. He suggested that the committee review these changes, and propose additional amendments and further refinements today. Lastly, BOARS Chair Rashid noted the regression analyses contained in the agenda packet, and thanked the Office of Admissions for its work in completing these for BOARS.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members reviewed a number of suggested amendments to the proposal, largely focusing on presenting a clear message, as well as some grammatical and word choice edits.

ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid will incorporate the suggested amendments and prepare a final proposal for presentation to the Academic Council in May.

ACTION: BOARS unanimously endorsed the UC Freshman Eligibility Reform proposal, subject to the amendments discussed, and will transmit the proposal to the Academic Council with a request for systemwide Senate review.

VIII. Application Personal Statement Prompts

- Nina Robinson, Director of Policy and External Affairs

ISSUE: Director Robinson has requested further comments from BOARS regarding proposed changes to the UC application personal statement prompts.

DISCUSSION: Director Robinson began the discussion by distributing draft prompts, as well as an “Apply Online to UC” pamphlet, for the committee’s information. BOARS members then discussed the draft prompts, focusing on the type of answer a student is likely to offer. One BOARS member suggested an alternate prompt, which he will distribute to members following the meeting for further review. BOARS Chair Rashid noted that BOARS will need to proceed carefully on this issue, and noted that the committee discussion of this matter at a future meeting.

ACTION: BOARS will review the personal statement prompts via email, and provide a recommendation to Director Robinson following today’s meeting.

IX. Comprehensive Review Reform

Due to lack of time, discussion of this item was deferred.

X. Analytic Subcommittee – Inclusiveness Indicators Update

Due to lack of time, discussion of this item was deferred.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.
Attest: Mark Rashid

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