

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of Meeting – June 1, 2007
California State University, Fullerton

Part I: BOARS Meeting

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 News: BOARS Chair Rashid announced that BOARS Vice Chair Trish Stoddart has resigned from the committee. The University Committee on Committees (UCOC) will likely appoint a new BOARS Vice Chair in the fall. Also, William Kidder, Special Assistant to Vice President Sakaki, has joined BOARS as a committee consultant.

Academic Council Update: Council did not act on the BOARS Eligibility Reform proposal at its May meeting due to a packed agenda. Council intends to take up the proposal at its June meeting, with the intent to distribute it for systemwide Senate review in the fall. Council approved the joint recommendation of BOARS and the University Committee on Education Policy (UCEP) requesting the coordination of appointments of campus representatives or committees to review the near-final UC transfer preparation pathways documents. The appointment process is currently underway at the campuses. Finally, BOARS Chair Rashid reported that he is following up with possible nominees to the 'c' and 'd' task force, and expects to submit a list of potential nominees for Council's approval in June.

Visits to the Campuses: BOARS Chair Rashid has completed four additional visits to campus admissions committees and associated admissions personnel, including Irvine, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Davis. Overall, he received positive feedback on the BOARS Eligibility Reform proposal, as well as constructive comments that will assist BOARS with the campus review process beginning in the fall.

Cal Teach Program: This agenda item was not covered at the May BOARS meeting, during the Articulation and Evaluation (A&E) Subcommittee report. BOARS Chair Rashid reviewed the Cal Teach program, noting that the A&E Subcommittee discussed whether Cal Teach students at the California Community Colleges should receive general transfer credit for Cal Teach courses. The A&E Subcommittee decided to approve the courses for credit because a similar seminar course is taught on some UC campuses, therefore passing their litmus test.

III. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the BOARS May 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes
- BOARS elects not to opine on the following item under systemwide Senate review: UCAF Proposed Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles.

ACTION: BOARS approved the consent calendar via unanimous consent.

IV. Consultation with the Office of the President – Admissions

- **Susan Wilbur, Director, Undergraduate Admissions**

Fall 2007 Freshman Student Intent to Register (SIR) Numbers: UC will release the 2007 SIR numbers the week of June 11. UC received 37,000 SIRs this year, which is approximately the same as 2006. So far, every campus has met their fall enrollment targets, and Merced appears to have increased its enrollments from last year. UCLA has an impressive increase in SIRs from African American students, and there is an overall University-wide increase among underrepresented minorities.

Fall 2007 Transfer Admissions: UC will report a slight decline in the number of California Community College (CCC) students admitted, which aligns with the current overall decline in CCC enrollments. Director Wilbur attended a meeting with the CCCs recently where she learned that CCC enrollments have declined by almost 100,000 since the early part of this decade, largely due to steep budget cuts from the state. UC is concerned because of pressure to sustain CCC student transfer enrollment. Director Wilbur also learned that 45% of transferring CCC students are choosing to enroll at the University of Phoenix, a startling statistic for UC to study further in the future.

Student Personal Statement Prompts: Director Wilbur emphasized that a decision needs to be made soon about possible new personal statement prompts because the student application packets are near completion. After distributing a handout for BOARS to consider, members provided input. Director Wilbur noted that she will move forward with BOARS' comments, and will update BOARS on any final decisions at a future meeting.

V. Transcript Evaluation Service (TES)

- **David Stern, BOARS Member (UCB)**

ISSUE: BOARS member David Stern has asked to present his concerns about the future of the Transcript Evaluation Service (TES), and request that BOARS act to seek support from UCOP to continue funding TES.

REPORT: BOARS member Stern reviewed the important function that TES plays in evaluating high school transcripts to determine students' satisfaction of UC's 'a-g' admissions requirements. He explained that TES was first created by UC with funding from the Student Aid Commission (SAC). The SAC grant has since expired, however, and continuation of the TES program will depend on full support from UCOP. BOARS member Stern has written a letter to Vice President Sakaki expressing his concern that the future of TES may be in jeopardy.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members discussed the cost required to fully support TES. Although he did not know the exact amount, BOARS member Stern reported that the cost would not be prohibitive. BOARS Chair Rashid suggested that BOARS could draft a resolution in support of TES, which could be brought to the Academic Council for endorsement. BOARS members expressed resounding support for the idea.

ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid and BOARS member David Stern will draft a resolution on behalf of BOARS, expressing support for the continuation of TES, and requesting UCOP to fund the program. The resolution, after it is reviewed by BOARS members via

email following today's meeting, will be forwarded to the Academic Council for endorsement.

VI. Express Admissions

- **Duncan Lindsey, BOARS Member (UCLA)**

ISSUE: BOARS member Duncan Lindsey has asked to provide a presentation to BOARS regarding his work on an "express admissions" process, to begin a conversation about the timing of admissions notifications that are provided to students, and its impact on students' enrollment decisions.

REPORT: BOARS member Lindsey reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the committee. Included were distinctions between express admissions and early admission; that UC campuses often know months in advance if a student has been admitted to their campus; and the main issue, that UC is losing the state's best students to other universities because students have made enrollment decisions prior to receiving UC's relatively late notification of admission offers.

DISCUSSION: BOARS Chair Rashid thanked BOARS member Lindsey for the informative presentation, and noted that the express admissions process could prove useful especially for the Riverside and Merced campuses. BOARS members then discussed the impact of Riverside's current rolling admissions process, which has received overall positive feedback. Some BOARS members expressed concern about the potential strain on resources if campuses adopted an express admissions process, as well as increased competition among the campuses if not all adopted the process. BOARS member Lindsey stated that the point of express admissions is to allow students, who may only want to attend one specific UC campus, the ability to apply to one campus at a time. This would also remove the current burden on the campuses to report yield rates, as well as the reporting of non-admissions of students who may not have wanted to attend that campus anyway. Other BOARS members noted concern for underrepresented minority students, and students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, who tend to apply later in the process and would not benefit from express admissions. Another member stated concern for the impact on decisions regarding financial aid packages, which often do not arrive until the spring.

ACTION: Undergraduate Admissions Director Wilbur and BOARS member Duncan Lindsey will work on a joint presentation incorporating elements of the express admissions process, and how it might be implemented at UC.

VII. Systemwide Senate Review of the ICAS Proposed Resolution on the Proper Use of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

- **Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair**
- **BOARS Members**

ISSUE: BOARS is considering its comments on the ICAS proposed Resolution on the Proper Use of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), currently under systemwide Senate review.

DISCUSSION: BOARS Chair Rashid provided a brief background report on the proposed resolution, and reviewed its content with BOARS members. Some BOARS members expressed strong support for the intent of the resolution, noting the detrimental effects that the CAHSEE has on students; that it serves no discernible purpose; and that the state offers no viable alternative to learning substantive material beyond testing skills. BOARS members then discussed the benefits of accountability, and who should be held accountable in the education of

students. BOARS Chair Rashid stated that he would report to Council the results of this mixed discussion.

ACTION: By a vote of 8 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention, BOARS members endorsed the ICAS proposed Resolution on the Proper Use of the CAHSEE.

VIII. Update: Possible Joint Meeting With the Admissions Directors

- **Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair**

REPORT: BOARS Chair Rashid announced that the next BOARS meeting on July 13 may be canceled in favor of holding a joint meeting with the campus admissions directors during their retreat in Berkeley from July 23-25.

ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid will send out an announcement via email concerning the format and date of the July BOARS meeting.

IX. Update: UC Freshman Eligibility Reform Proposal

- **Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair**

ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid will distribute an email to BOARS members highlighting all edits that have been made following the May BOARS meeting to the BOARS Eligibility Reform Proposal.

X. Analytic Subcommittee – Inclusiveness Indicators Update

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

XI. Rand Memorandum: “Potentially Eligible Students: A Growing Opportunity for University of California”

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

Part II: Meeting with the CSU Admissions Advisory Council

Note: Minutes were not prepared for this portion of the meeting. The agenda is included in Appendix A of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
Attest: Mark Rashid

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Attachment: Appendix A – Joint BOARS/CSU Admissions Advisory Council Meeting Agenda



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**Joint Meeting
AAC/BOARS
June 1, 2007
1:00p to 3:00p
(Lunch will be served at noon)
Legislative Chambers
Titan Student Union
Cal State Fullerton**

- I. Segment Updates
 - a. CSU
 - i. Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) for CSU
 - ii. Update on CSU's progress towards alignment of laboratory science requirement with that of the UC
 - b. UC
 - i. BOARS Eligibility Reform proposal
- II. Items of Mutual Interest
 - a. Task Force on updating the language of the Mathematics ('c') and Laboratory Science ('d') Requirements (attachment)
 - b. Progress towards meeting the requirements of SB 1543 re CTE courses and the "G" category BOARS and AAC
 - c. CPEC 2007 Eligibility Study Issues

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