

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

Minutes of Meeting – November 9, 2007

UCOP Room 5320, Oakland, CA

I. Chair's Announcements

- **Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair**

After welcoming BOARS members, alternates and consultants to the meeting, BOARS Chair Rashid updated the committee on a number of topics, including the upcoming Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) meeting agenda in December; the outcome of The Regents' deliberations on tobacco funding at their September meeting; the first meeting of the 'c' and 'd' task force, held on October 9 and chaired by Bob Jacobsen (UC Berkeley); a brief report on the July BOARS meeting held with the Admissions Directors; the Academic Council's approval of BOARS' request in September to post on the Senate website the BOARS Q&A document and relevant UCOP data, which accompanies the BOARS Eligibility Reform Proposal; the completed work of The Regents Study Group on University Diversity, and the recent release of their final reports; Chair Rashid's recent visit to the Merced campus for the meeting of the Council of Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs, and the November 5 meeting of the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP), to discuss the BOARS Eligibility Reform Proposal; the November meeting of the BOARS Articulation and Evaluation Subcommittee, where proposals for online coursework providers were considered, as well as revised 'g' elective subject area language to incorporate more specifically Career Technical Education (CTE) coursework; and an update from the October 31 Academic Council meeting. Lastly, BOARS Chair Rashid shared with committee members his experiences talking with members of the press in their coverage of the BOARS Eligibility Reform Proposal.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the BOARS October 5, 2007 meeting minutes
- B. BOARS elects not to comment on the following item under systemwide Senate review: CCGA/UCEP Report and Proposal on The Role of Graduate Students in University Instruction

ACTION: BOARS approved the consent calendar via unanimous consent, with minor amendments to the October 5, 2007 meeting minutes.

III. Presentation on [StatFinder](#)

- **Samuel Agronow, Coordinator, Admissions Research & Evaluation**
- **Charles Masten, Assistant Director, Undergraduate Admissions**

ISSUE: UC has developed a new web-based system for finding undergraduate admissions, enrollment, and graduation statistics. The website was launched on October 30, 2007, and has both a public and a private site for accessing UCOP data.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Masten and Mr. Agronow reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with BOARS members, which included StatFinder's main features under Phase 1, and the planned

changes and improvements for Phase 2 and 3 of the website. They emphasized that the site is a tool for transparency and accountability, and highlighted StatFinder's many security features to protect private information.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members applauded the site, and the valuable work of Mr. Agronow and Mr. Masten in its development. Some BOARS members offered suggestions for the site, including the addition of BOARS' Inclusiveness Indicators, as well as additional data on freshman performance. Mr. Agronow and Mr. Masten welcomed additional comments on the website and requested they be submitted via email following today's meeting.

ACTION: none

IV. Examining the Predictive Value of SAT Subject Exams in the Prediction of First Year UC GPA – A Report to BOARS

- **Samuel Agronow, Coordinator, Admissions Research & Evaluation**

ISSUE: Mr. Agronow has completed a report at BOARS' request that examines the relative value of the new SAT test pattern in the prediction of UC GPA, and focuses especially on the value of the new SAT Subject test requirements in the prediction.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Agronow reviewed the report with BOARS members via PowerPoint presentation, which included the data set and models/analyses used, and concluding results. He noted that further work needs to be done to verify the Math subject exam results.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members discussed the report at length, noting various items of interest, and points of clarification. BOARS Chair Rashid expressed his gratitude for the report, and Mr. Agronow's tireless work for the committee. Members asked additional follow-up questions, which will need to be explored at a future meeting.

ACTION: none

V. American Indian Tribes and UC Admissions

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

ISSUE: Last year, Vice President Sakaki submitted a request to the Academic Senate on behalf of the Council of Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs (CVCSA) for consideration of the following issue: "Should membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe be considered as a plus factor in either undergraduate or graduate/professional school admissions at UC?" BOARS Chair Rashid noted that BOARS first looked at this issue in January 2006, and the committee's discussions came to an inconclusive end. Today's presentation by Mr. Kidder will serve as an introduction to the issue for this year's BOARS members, and discussion may continue to future BOARS meetings.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Kidder reviewed a prepared PowerPoint presentation on this issue with BOARS members. He explained the legal distinctions between racial and political classifications, noting that membership in a federally recognized tribe falls in the latter category under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. He also reported on the college-going rates of tribe members; the UCLA law school's use of a program that counts tribe membership as a "limited plus factor" in their admissions process; the uncertainty involved in estimating the number of UC applicants that are members of a federally recognized tribe; and the number of tribes in California that are not federally recognized.

DISCUSSION: BOARS Chair Rashid began the discussion by asking the following questions: (1) what mechanisms would be utilized in implementing this plan in UC admissions, assuming BOARS would want to endorse it? (2) what additional data or information would BOARS like to know to arrive at a conclusion? and (3) what would the policy rationale be, and can it harmonize with existing admissions policy rationale? Members discussed these questions, noting the distinctions between California tribes and federally recognized tribes, public perception, and timing issues should this policy go forward. Many concerns were raised, however, a majority of members expressed interest in exploring the issues further, and in more detail. BOARS Chair Rashid requested the following additional information for the committee to consider at a future meeting: data on the likely number of federally recognized American Indian tribe applicants; and admit rates across the UC system for current federally recognized American Indian tribe applicants. BOARS will also need to discuss further the philosophical harmony between this proposal and current admissions policy rationale.

ACTION: BOARS will continue discussion of this issue at its December 7, 2007 meeting.

VI. BOARS Proposal to Reform UC's Freshman Eligibility Policy

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

ISSUE: BOARS Chair Rashid has requested that BOARS members provide informal reports regarding the status of their campus reviews of the BOARS Proposal to Reform UC's Freshman Eligibility Policy, and focus on strategies for better informing colleagues about UC eligibility and admissions policy.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members provided oral reports to the committee, noting some specific objections to the proposal as well as a certain amount of support for the goals of the proposal. At this time, each campus is at a different phase of the review process, and most have not submitted a formal response to the systemwide Senate office. BOARS members then briefly discussed some areas of the proposal that they may want to revise in response to the outcome of the review.

ACTION: BOARS will continue discussion of this issue at its December 7, 2007 meeting.

VII. Shared Review: Report and Discussion

- **Nina Robinson, Director, Policy & External Affairs**

ISSUE: Shared admissions review is a topic last discussed with BOARS in April 2007. Provost Hume has recently indicated renewed interest in the shared review program, which was developed as part of the work of the Admissions Processing Task Force. Specifically, Provost Hume in a letter distributed by Ms. Robinson to BOARS, has asked UCOP Student Affairs to develop a plan for restructuring UC's freshman application review process so that the task of application reading and evaluation is shared across the campuses, rather than duplicated on multiple campuses. He sees this change as an opportunity to make the admissions process more fair, transparent, and cost effective.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Robinson reviewed with BOARS members the directives included in Provost Hume's November 5 letter, pointing out that the program will not involve a centralized review conducted by UCOP, and does not seek to substitute campus review processes. She said that the main goals of the plan will be to reduce the number of routine reviews, and focus on the applications that require more attention. Ms. Robinson also stated that she has drafted a set of

principles to guide the development of shared admissions review policy, which she then distributed to BOARS members for review. BOARS Chair Rashid noted the importance of this topic, and reported BOARS' interest in the policy implications of shared review. He also requested monthly updates from Ms. Robinson, to which she agreed. BOARS members briefly discussed the issues involved, including potential impact on BOARS' systemwide review criteria, and the fate of referral pool applicants.

ACTION: BOARS expressed a "sense of the committee" motion that shared admissions review is a positive direction for UCOP to further investigate.

ACTION: BOARS will receive monthly updates on this issue from Director Robinson.

VIII. UC Undergraduate Application: Expanding the Number of Asian American and Pacific Islander Categories

- **William Kidder, Special Assistant to the Vice President – Student Affairs**
- **Susan Wilbur, Director, Undergraduate Admissions**

ISSUE: Vice President Sakaki is interested in expanding the number of Asian American and Pacific Islander categories on next year's UC undergraduate application, and has requested input from BOARS.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Kidder presented the issue via PowerPoint presentation to BOARS members.

DISCUSSION: BOARS members asked specific questions about the persons included in each category on the undergraduate application, and offered some suggestions. Director Wilbur noted that new federal guidelines regarding student reporting are expected from the Department of Education in 2010. Before then, UC will need to discuss issues concerning consistency in its reporting to the federal government. Mr. Kidder added that this item is informational only at this time, and that BOARS members should send any concerns or suggestions to him and Vice President Sakaki following today's meeting. Lastly, one BOARS member suggested that later this year BOARS should discuss what additional information or categories should be included on the undergraduate application.

ACTION: BOARS will follow-up on this issue as appropriate throughout the year.

IX. Non-Resident Tuition and UC Enrollment

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

ISSUE: BOARS Chair Rashid has recently learned of a seemingly new UCOP mandate to set campus enrollment targets individually for undergraduates according to their resident vs. non-resident status. The agenda enclosure is an internal document from a budget analyst at UC Berkeley, to the UC Berkeley Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. BOARS Chair Rashid noted significant admissions policy considerations with this matter, as well as procedural concerns since the policy appears to have been developed absent consultation with the Academic Senate.

DISCUSSION: The UC Berkeley BOARS representative noted major concerns from his campus regarding this issue, and provided a brief summary of the issue. He explained that the campuses are budgeted for a certain number of nonresidents, but are not enrolling that number. UCOP would like to force the campuses to pay for the shortfall either by paying the balance, or

enrolling more paying nonresidents. BOARS Chair Rashid stated his view that there are significant shared governance concerns involved here, and that a broader Senate audience should be involved. BOARS members expressed interest in bringing this issue to the attention of the Academic Council.

ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid will draft a letter to the Academic Council expressing concern regarding this matter, and to seek additional information.

X. For BOARS' Review: Standards, Policies and Procedures for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), Version 1.0

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair
- BOARS Members

ISSUE: A task force convened by the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) has drafted a revised set of IGETC standards. BOARS has been asked to review them as part of the Academic Senate's internal review process, the outcome of which will be reported to ICAS at an upcoming meeting.

DISCUSSION: After providing a brief summary of IGETC and the IGETC standards to BOARS members, Chair Rashid explained that most of the revisions are clean-up provisions. He then reviewed a number of possible substantive changes BOARS may be interested in. BOARS members expressed general support for the revised IGETC standards, and applauded the effort by ICAS.

ACTION: BOARS members expressed support for the revised IGETC standards via unanimous consent. BOARS Chair Rashid will submit BOARS' comments to the Academic Council.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
Attest: Mark Rashid

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