

## BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

Minutes of Meeting - December 7, 2007

UCOP Room 12322, Oakland, CA

**I. Consultation with the College Board**

- Laurence Bunin, Senior Vice President for Operations and the SAT
- Ida Lawrence, Senior Vice President for Research (ETS)
- Wayne Camara, Vice President for Research and Development
- Jim Montoya, Vice President for Higher Education Relationship Development

**ISSUE:** Representatives from the College Board were invited to discuss with BOARS the SAT Reasoning Test, BOARS' Eligibility Reform Proposal, and other topics of interest to the committee.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Bunin provided BOARS members with a PowerPoint presentation, which contained information about the College Board mission, programs and services; the SAT and changes made to the SAT in 2005; the College Board's view of the benefits of the SAT and the SAT subject tests to UC; and their view of potential consequences of eliminating the SAT subject tests as a UC admissions requirement.

**DISCUSSION:** BOARS members discussed with the College Board representatives many aspects of the presentation, focusing on research conducted by the College Board into group differences in testing scores and experience, as well as the impact of the changes made to the SAT since 2005. The committee held a lengthy discussion about comparing test scores across numerous administrations of a test, and noted great interest in the College Board's new student feedback report program that will be offered in spring 2008. The committee also discussed the alignment of California content standards with the SAT; aligning classroom experience with the process of building admissions tests; and discussed further the College Board's perceived consequences of UC eliminating the SAT subject tests from its admissions requirements. The discussion concluded with the College Board representatives inviting further comments and questions from BOARS members to be submitted to them via email following today's meeting. Chair Rashid thanked the College Board representatives for their time and thoughtful consultation.

**II. Follow-up Discussion from Consultation with the College Board**

- Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair
- BOARS Members

**DISCUSSION:** BOARS members noted that the consultation period was very useful as the information offered added to the committee's knowledge base concerning the future of UC admissions policy. Further, the information highlighted for members the need to conduct additional analyses. Some members requested that BOARS follow-up on the College Board's student feedback report program, as well as additional data on portions of the SAT exam other than the math section. Finally, Chair Rashid asked that BOARS members send any additional thoughts or questions to BOARS Member Weiss, chair of the BOARS Testing Subcommittee.

**ACTION:** BOARS will further consider the issues raised today during its consultation with the College Board at a future meeting this year.

### **III. Chair's Announcements**

- **Mark Rashid, BOARS Chair**

**REPORT:** Chair Rashid reported on the following items of interest to the committee:

November Academic Council Meeting: Most of the topics discussed at the November Council meeting did not relate to BOARS' charge. One major item Council considered was the chancellors' salaries issue, which The Regents are expected to vote on in 2008. The Council will discuss BOARS' Eligibility Proposal at its December 19 meeting.

Admissions Processing Task Force: The task force met last Friday to discuss the shared comprehensive review policy, which was mandated by Provost Hume earlier this year. No decisions have been made yet about which approach to take, including whether or not to adopt the policy at all. Various models were discussed though, and emphasis was placed on the idea that campuses would maintain their own application review processes. The task force agreed that timing, as well as getting all campuses to agree to the policy, will present major implementation issues ahead. Task force members noted that there are compelling reasons to use the Berkeley/Los Angeles comprehensive review model, but members have not reached agreement about next steps. The task force's next charge is to focus on shared review policy model simulations.

Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS): ICAS met last Wednesday, and considered many issues including Proposition 92, which will appear on the February ballot; the proposed ICAS resolution on the California High School Exit Exam, which was opposed by Council last year; and the IGETC Notes and Standards, reviewed favorably at the November BOARS meeting, and provisionally certified by ICAS until its June meeting due to concerns raised at the ICAS meeting by the California Community Colleges.

### **IV. Consent Calendar**

- Approval of the November 9, 2007 BOARS Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the draft BOARS letter to Council regarding the UCOP Policy Governing Funding of Nonresident Undergraduate Students
- BOARS Elects Not to Opine on the Following Items Under Systemwide Senate Review:
  - (1) Review of APMs 710, 711 and 080
  - (2) Report of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on International Education
  - (3) Proposed Regulations Governing Conduct on Non-Affiliates

**ACTION:** BOARS approved the consent calendar via unanimous consent.

### **V. Consultation with the Office of the President – Admissions**

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

**REPORT:** Director Wilbur reported that the student application filing period closed at midnight on Friday, November 30. Her office has gathered preliminary data on the application numbers, and a full review of the data will occur in January, including demographic characteristics.

## **VI. Follow-Up: Shared Admissions Review and Other Updates**

### **▪ Nina Robinson, Director, Policy & External Affairs**

**ISSUE:** BOARS is continuing its discussion from the November BOARS meeting on shared review, and will also hear updates on long-range enrollment planning, and other issues of interest to the committee.

**REPORT – Shared Review:** Director Robinson provided BOARS members with a full update from the Admissions Processing Task Force meeting concerning shared review, adding to Chair Rashid's report provided earlier today. She also highlighted preliminary outcomes from analytic work performed on the outputs of campus admissions processes, which will aid the Admissions Processing Task Force in its decision on the shared review policy. She noted that the task force discussions so far confirm the need to perform additional detailed analytic work on this issue, and to provide multiple examples of shared review models for further discussion by the task force and other key decision-makers.

**REPORT – Long Range Enrollment Planning:** Director Robinson reported that UC is engaged in a cycle of long range enrollment planning in preparation for a report due to the Legislature in March 2008. Campuses were asked to assemble projections of their enrollments at each level, out to 2020, including future enrollments that the campuses would like to see at their respective locations. The Office of the President is currently collating this information and creating systemwide projections. The report to the Legislature is expected to include information about the areas where UC wants to grow, focusing on how UC enrollments will impact state funding. Lastly, Director Robinson stated that draft reports will be available at the end of January.

**DISCUSSION – Shared Review:** Many BOARS members noted the importance of considering review models other than the Berkeley/Los Angeles model. BOARS members also asked questions concerning the details of implementing a shared review policy that accounts for unique campus admissions processes. Director Robinson emphasized that the goal of the proposed shared review concept is to eliminate the initial application review currently conducted at each campus, and allow campuses to concentrate on a second review of those students they wish to review more carefully. Some BOARS members stated that in order for them to consider other review models, they need to understand the Berkeley/Los Angeles process more fully. Director Robinson and Director Wilbur suggested that BOARS members send them questions and requests for more information via email, which they will address at the January BOARS meeting.

**ACTION: BOARS will continue discussion of the shared review policy at its January meeting.**

## **VII. Follow-Up: American Indian Tribes and UC Admissions**

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

**ISSUE:** BOARS is continuing its discussion from the November BOARS meeting concerning whether to further consider American Indian tribe membership as a possible plus factor in UC admissions policy.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kidder distributed a chart to BOARS members, requested last month, which illustrates freshman and transfer admissions data for UC students entering fall 2007. He then distributed information on California Indian tribes, including those that are also federally recognized tribes. Lastly, Mr. Kidder summarized for BOARS member the differences in

freshman admission rates by UC campus for those students in federally recognized tribes. BOARS members then discussed the policy issues involved in granting tribe membership as a plus factor in UC admissions. Some BOARS members asked for a short statement to be drafted on this issue to consider prior to voting. Mr. Kidder distributed examples of admissions policies currently used at two law schools, both adopted in 2007. BOARS members agreed that the examples are useful, but may not necessarily be perfect models for UC to adopt. The committee then discussed how such a plus factor policy might fit into the current Comprehensive Review Guidelines. BOARS members decided that further discussion of the issue is needed, including possible consideration of cost-benefit analysis. Chair Rashid requested that members consider any additional information they might need to make a decision, and submit requests as soon as possible.

**ACTION: BOARS will consider this issue further at its January meeting.**

#### **VIII. Informal Systemwide Senate Review: Proposed UC Undergraduate Mission Statement**

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

**ISSUE:** BOARS is asked to decide whether to comment on the proposed UC Undergraduate Mission Statement, currently under systemwide Senate review.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Rashid noted that the proposed statement intersects with BOARS' charge, therefore the committee may wish to opine. He added that the statement itself is very abstract. Other BOARS members suggested specific comments to submit to Council on behalf of the committee, focusing on the concept that UC undergraduate curriculum should build upon and foster positive developments in the educational foundation established in the schools, colleges, and homes from which UC draws its students.

**ACTION: BOARS Chair Rashid will draft a letter on behalf of the committee to Council noting the comments expressed today about the proposed UC Undergraduate Mission Statement.**

#### **IX. BOARS' Proposal To Reform UC's Freshman Eligibility Policy**

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

**ISSUE:** BOARS' Proposal to Reform UC's Freshman Eligibility Policy will be considered by Council at its December 19 meeting. The committee will discuss possible outcomes of the systemwide Senate review process, and strategy for moving forward.

**DISCUSSION:** BOARS Chair Rashid provided the committee with a brief synopsis of the Senate review process so far, and reported that the Senate committee and divisional responses have all been submitted to Council as of this past Wednesday, December 5. He then summarized general accounts that he has heard about the comments that were submitted, noting reported broad support for eliminating the SAT II exams from UC eligibility policy, as well as strong concern for the proposed loss of the "guarantee." BOARS members expressed caution in forecasting the future of the proposal, as the outcome of the December Council meeting is unknown. Some BOARS members engaged in a brief discussion about what a revised proposal what look like, should Council request one. BOARS Chair Rashid stated that he will report the

outcome of the Council meeting as soon as possible after December 19, and will look for direction from BOARS on how to proceed thereafter.

**ACTION: none**

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

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