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Ahmet Palazoglu
Chair, Academic Council

RE: BOARS' Decision to Rescind the "2026-2027 Policies and Partnerships Roadmap for First-Year Undergraduate Admissions"

Dear Chair Palazoglu,

On behalf of UC's Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS), I am writing to inform Academic Council and the Divisions that, during their July 10th, 2026 meeting, the majority of BOARS members (9 yes; 1 no; 2 abstain) voted to rescind BOARS' June 5th, 2026 vote approving the "2026-2027 Policies and Partnerships Roadmap for First-Year Undergraduate Admissions".

Importantly, BOARS' justification for approving a motion to rescind their June 5th, 2026 vote coalesced around three major concerns about 1) a Special Charge that was unilaterally issued by Senate leadership to BOARS in March 2026 without prior review, deliberation, nor formal endorsement by Academic Council, a decision that may have been inconsistent with Senate Bylaw 125.B.3; 2) arbitrary deadlines and time constraints embedded within the Senate leadership's Special Charge, resulting in a lack of flexibility for BOARS to further revise the Roadmap beyond June 2026 (the deadline specified within the Special Charge) and issue recommendations during 2026-2027 within a quicker or shorter timeframe if necessary; and 3) legitimate feedback, input, and concerns that have surfaced from internal and external stakeholders since BOARS' prior approval of the Roadmap last month.

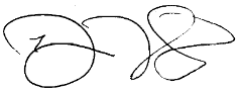
As part of the motion that was introduced and carried, the majority of BOARS members concluded that workgroup charges articulated within the Roadmap should be discussed and handled directly within BOARS – rather than by separate workgroups outside of BOARS – during their regular 2026-

2027 meeting cadence to provide BOARS the flexibility to examine and issue recommendations about 1) the potential use of standardized tests in the first-year admissions process and 2) the A-G framework, course requirements, and/or subject areas without being constrained by the timelines articulated in the Roadmap. Incorporation of the Roadmap's workgroup charges into BOARS' 2026-2027 priorities and regular meeting cadence will allow BOARS to be nimbler and issue recommendations either sooner or later than July 2027 (the original target date within the Roadmap) depending on how BOARS' deliberations proceed during 2026-2027. Consistent with how BOARS examines other undergraduate admissions-related policies, BOARS will 1) continue to meaningfully engage and consult with relevant stakeholders within and outside of the UC during BOARS' deliberations and 2) regularly consult with UC- and non-UC experts within the areas of standardized testing and A-G requirements on an *ad hoc* basis during 2026-2027 and beyond if necessary.

BOARS looks forward to working with the Academic Senate and other stakeholders to examine these important issues during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Thank you for your assistance in conveying this information to Academic Council and the Divisions.

Sincerely,



David Volz, Chair
BOARS