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The UG Council provided the Chair of the Academic Senate with recommendations concerning the Intercampus Summer Enrollment proposal (in response to his January 10, 2001 request). Since articulation of courses between UC campuses might not be straightforward (especially for upper division courses) the committee emphasized the importance of one item, namely that students be required to meet with an academic advisor on the home campus to obtain pre-approval of any proposed study list at another campus.

On Friday, January 19, 2001 James Sandoval met with the Undergraduate Council and provided updated enrollment numbers and continuation rate statistics broken down by ethnicity. Last May the Chair of the Riverside Division in consultation with Chancellor Orbach requested that the UG Council assemble this information for the purpose of determining how to best meet the challenge of admitting qualified historically underrepresented students and ensuring their continuance to graduation. The limited time-frame of the current data is not yet sufficient to identify relevant trends. However, such tracking should be continued as important information for identifying continuation problems and/or evaluating the merits of proposed solutions.

The UG Council reviewed a memo from Michael Cowan dated Dec 14, 2000, concerning the BOARS proposal for "Dual Admissions". The BOARS proposal for "dual admission" was found to be a worthwhile proposal to encourage eventual UC access to all students in the top 12.5% in their high school class by utilizing community college for lower division work. Since the dual admission students would be required to "meet all university and campus-specific academic requirements and selection criteria for current community college transfers" the UG Council did not see a down side to this proposal other than the undefined administrative 'scaffolding' that would be required.

Since it is a duty of the Undergraduate Council to advise the division on matters relating to athletic policy, the UG Council feels that the Athletic Department 'faculty liaison' should be a required member of the UG Council. Athletic oversight authority is best consolidated into one body to avoid potential uncertainty concerning Academic Senate interest in matters relating to UCR Athletics. This is especially true as UCR transitions to Division I Athletics.

A member of the UG Council was present at the Administration-Academic Senate Retreat, April 20-23, 2001 for which a formal report was prepared. The Academic Senate members endorsed the growth of the undergraduate student body at UCR to meet the Master Plan for Higher Education and to be the campus of access. However, it was stressed that academic standards would not be compromised, and that to maintain both access and excellent quality in undergraduate programs outreach goals must be met either by a policy of "inreach" (resources for remediation) and/or longer times to degree and/or a decline in the continuation rate.

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