The Undergraduate Council reviewed the “Proposal to Allow Part-time Enrollment for Students Transferring to UC from a California Community College.” At that time the written responses from BOARS, UCEP and UCPB regarding the proposal were also reviewed. The Undergraduate Council voted against this proposal. In light of the budget crisis and UCR’s increasing enrollments, the campus is not in a position to accept a large number of part-time transfer students from local community colleges. UCR’s once excellent student: FTE ratio is already under heavy assault. Many of the courses on our campus are over-enrolled. Admitting additional students would make these problems worse, slow student progress, and compromise the goal of shortening the time to degree at UCR. A significant increase in the number of part-time students paying reduced fees would severely compromise our campus’ ability to provide instruction and support services to the student body. To fully meet the needs of part-time students, it is anticipated that night and/or weekend courses would be required at an additional expense to the campus. Undergraduate Council members agreed with the statement in the BOARS report that being a full-time student enhances academic success and enriches the student’s university experience. We do not support promoting a policy that would contribute to diminishing the quality of a UC education and the success of UC students. Despite this, the members of the Undergraduate Council are sensitive to the needs of our full-time UCR students who, for valid reasons, need to become part-time students on a temporary basis. We would like to see the process by which a full-time UCR student becomes a temporary part-time student made less onerous.

The Undergraduate Council was charged with developing the criteria that UCR will use for selective admissions and comprehensive review. The Council is working in accordance with the UC Regents’ Policy on Undergraduate Admissions, the Guidelines for Implementation of University Policy for Undergraduate Admissions, and the BOARS Accountability Principles for Comprehensive Review of Undergraduate Applicants to the University of California. The Undergraduate Council set five specific objectives: (i) to improve the academic quality of our undergraduate students; (ii) to maintain or increase the diversity of our undergraduate student body; (iii) to develop a means to include the faculty in the selection process; (iv) to ensure that there is no bias, even unintentionally, in the criteria or process; and (v) to develop a method of accountability. The Council hopes to meet these objectives by spring 2004 in order to run simulations with the spring 2004 applicant pool and fall 2004 admits to be ready to become a selecting campus as early as 2006 if necessary. If not, simulations will also be run in spring-fall 2005, the application finalized in December 2005 with UCR becoming selective in 2007.