

**Committee on Undergraduate Admissions
Annual Report to the Riverside Division
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The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (UAC) met 13 times during the 2016-2017 academic year. As a result of exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Committee on Committees, all members but one were newly appointed this year, including the chair. The Committee reached its full complement of members late in Fall Quarter. One new member resigned during Spring Quarter, citing workload issues and a department chair's advice.

The Riverside Division of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions Committee was represented on the Systemwide Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) by Pete Sadler, Chair of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee in the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 quarters. Committee members Uma Jayakumar and David Volz both attended BOARS meetings during the Winter 2017 Quarter while the Chair was on leave. BOARS held 10 meetings during the 2016-2017 academic year. Chair Sadler and Professors Jayakumar and Volz updated Committee members at each meeting as to the issues discussed at the Systemwide level. In addition, Chair Sadler represented the Committee on Executive Council and served as an ex officio member of the Committee on Preparatory Education. Committee member Khaleel Razak served as Acting Chair of the Committee in the Winter 2017 Quarter and attended all Executive Council meetings while Chair Sadler was on leave. Additionally, Professor Razak served as the Committee representative and Chair of the Special Review Committee. In the Spring Quarter, Chair Sadler was appointed to the Provost's Task Force on Transfer Admissions.

The Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services LaRae Lundgren and Director of Undergraduate Admissions Emily Engelschall updated the Committee at each meeting on the Fall 2017 Admissions cycle and other issues of note from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research Allison Cantwell provided the Committee with data models to track admissions and provided consultation at meetings when data was reviewed.

Actions undertaken by the Committee during the academic year were the following:

- Before it became a System-wide issue, the Committee reviewed and discussed transfer admissions at UCR and requested data to further evaluate how UCR could increase the admission of transfer students to meet the UC goal of admitting one transfer student for every two freshmen students. The Committee reviewed data to determine if lowering the GPA cutoff would increase transfer admissions and to determine if there were other indicators of success. The Committee also reviewed data to review transfer student enrollment in upper division and lower division courses to determine if the amount of major prep courses taken by transfer students affects time to graduation. The Committee recommended that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions highlight the lower cost of education at UCR compared to other campuses as a recruitment tool for transfer students.

The Committee will continue to examine and discuss the issue of transfer admissions next academic year.

- The Committee reviewed the formulation of the Academic Index Score (AIS) and requested data to review if the weights assigned for SAT and ACT scores disadvantage students who become eligible via the local context (ELC-only). Additionally, the Committee discussed other potential factors that could be included in the AIS. The Committee was presented with an update on the sample set of applications that were reviewed by the Committee during the previous academic year to determine if extra-curricular activities could predict success. The Committee requested that the study be continued on an additional year's worth of data. The Committee will continue to assess the formulation of the AIS next academic year.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition and proposed changes to GSoE Bylaw E3.3 and E4.4, and opted not to submit a response to the proposals as they do not have an impact on undergraduate admissions and are outside of the Committee's purview.
- The Committee voted to update the Guidelines for Admission by Exception (AxE) to reflect the new scoring of the SAT exam. The proposed changes were submitted to the Senate Chair for approval. At the May 9, 2017 meeting the Committee proposed additional changes to the AxE Guidelines to provide clarification and editorial changes. The proposed changes were submitted to the Senate Chair for approval.
- The Committee discussed the changes to the new SAT exam and were concerned that a number of students did not take the new SAT essay exam, which is required for admission to UCR, due to the format change of the exam. The Committee recommended to the Senate Chair that a one-time exception be made for Fall 2017 applicants who met the Academic Index Score (AIS) but did not take the SAT essay exam to allow them to be considered for admission with the AxE Guidelines.
- AVC Lundgren and Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Cindy Larive provided the Committee with an overview of the funding awarded to UCR to increase applications, admissions and enrollments from Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) schools and provide academic support services to improve the success of enrolled students at the February 1, 2017 and February 15, 2017 meetings.
- The Committee provided perspective to the Senate Chair on the proposed cap for non-resident admission Systemwide. The Committee advised the Senate Chair that it is important to consider the success of students admitted via any mechanism and the costs of putting in place mechanisms for their success once at UCR. The Committee noted concern that by increasing the number of non-residents without considering avenues for their success may be counter to the Committee's charge of improving both the quality and success of the students admitted.

- Career Center Director Sean Gil attended the Committee's April 11, 2017 meeting to provide a presentation to the Committee on the Career Center's annual report and to summarize the Career Center's activities. The Committee recommended that the Career Center's annual report be used as a recruitment tool for transfer admissions and be included on the transfer admissions webpage to document the successful job placement and graduate school enrollment of UCR graduates.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to Senate Bylaw 1.2 to remove voting privilege from administrators who serve on Senate Committees. The Committee preferred to let Academic Senate Committees decide whether their own ex officio members should retain voting privilege and was supportive of their ex officio member retaining voting rights.
- The Committee reviewed BOARS proposed Augmented Review Policy and voted to support the proposed policy.
- The Committee voted to propose a change to their membership bylaws to replace their ex officio member who is the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services as the AVC's charge is more focused on undergraduate admissions. The Committee proposed the change to the Senate Chair.
- The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the admissions requirements for the Environmental Sciences, Geology, Mathematics, and Neuroscience undergraduate majors and Education minor and voted to support all of the changes.
- The Chair worked with the Director Engelschall to draft UCR's Compare Favorably Report for the academic year. The Committee voted to approve the report, which documented that UCR had met the compare favorably guidelines and that nonresident students' performance compared favorably to resident students. The report was submitted to BOARS.
- Director Engelschall provided the Committee with an update on the recruitment of African American and Native American Students at UCR at their June 13, 2017 meeting.
- The Committee discussed holistic review as the admission rate of students neared 50 percent and will reevaluate the need for holistic review next academic year.

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