The Undergraduate Council continued its efforts to address the charge to develop criteria that UC Riverside should use for comprehensive review. The criteria identified in 2003-04 were used for the admission process for students entering in fall 2005. A minor change in applying point values for low income students was required by the Office of the President. For the class of students entering in 2005, the points will be applied if family income levels are below a cut-off level. For the class of students entering in 2006, the principle was adopted to use a sliding scale of points that will be applied across a range of income levels below a specific. The income levels will be based on central standards. Implementation of Phase II of the process will be assessed next year. However, a determination of how to implement SAT 2 into the comprehensive admission process will be completed in 2005.

In April, the Undergraduate Council was charged with evaluating of the undergraduate advising process at UC Riverside and developing a series of recommendations on how that process can be improved. The evaluation has been initiated. All Colleges will be surveyed initially for the purpose of determining overall objectives and special concerns for advising in the diverse units on the campus. Individual departments will be surveyed subsequently to determine how those goals are met in individual programs. A vehicle to assess student expectations and levels of satisfaction with advising at the college, department, or program level remains to be determined.

In addition to the charges from the Academic Senate, the Undergraduate Council has developed two independent initiatives. Members of the Council have recognized that there is a large population of high school students that are receiving their education through the process of home-schooling or through other non-traditional approaches. This population of potential undergraduates are not applying to the University of California (<25 in 2005), but are attending private colleges and universities in large numbers. We are in the process of developing ways of evaluating applications from these students so that they can be admitted by exception. The second initiative is a logical follow-on from the first, and that is to develop additional efforts to make UC Riverside undergraduate programs more visible and more attractive to potential undergraduates in the Inland Empire.