

**Committee on Undergraduate Admissions
Annual Report to the Riverside Division
December 3, 2019**

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The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (UAC) met 12 times during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The Riverside Division of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions Committee was represented on the Systemwide Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) by David Volz, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions. BOARS held 10 meetings during the 2018-2019 academic year. Chair Volz updated Committee members at each meeting as to the issues discussed at the UC System-level. In addition, Chair Volz represented the Committee on Executive Council and served as an *ex officio* member of the Committee on Preparatory Education.

The Director of Undergraduate Admissions Emily Engelschall updated the Committee at each meeting on the Fall 2019 Freshmen admissions cycle and Winter 2019 and 2020 transfer admissions cycles and other issues of note from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research Allison Cantwell provided the Committee with information about models for tracking admissions and provided consultation at meetings when data was reviewed.

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

- The Committee continued the evaluation of possible pathways to holistic (comprehensive) review of admissions at UCR and discussed potential factors that could be incorporated into the human-read review. The Committee finalized a set of criteria and sample rubric to be used in a pilot study of the review of applications of students from the Fall 16 cohort. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions hired readers to conduct the review in Winter 2019. The results of the review of applications in the pilot study provided inconsistent results, which led to additional consultation with other campuses to determine how their processes for holistic review were developed and implemented. The Committee decided to place a hold on the holistic review pilot study until the conclusion of the State's audit of admissions of the UC System as the outcome of the audit might change admissions processes for the System.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed transfer of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex, and Transgender Studies minor to the department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment, and the proposed revision to Senate Regulation 636.E and did not note any concerns relating to the Committee's charge of Undergraduate Admissions.
- The Committee reviewed the summary white paper on the RUSD STEM High School at UCR and noted concern that the report does not document the impact the high school will

have on recruitment and admissions. The Committee recommended that a survey be conducted with current students to determine if a high school located on campus would impact their decision to attend UCR.

- The Committee responded to the Senate Chair's request for input on UCR's next strategic plan with the recommendation to retain strategy #2.B.2: realigning Admissions Criteria and Recruitment from the 2020 Strategic Plan. Additionally, the Committee recommended that the next strategic plan include strategies for the commitment of resources to support admissions of transfer and non-California residents to address UCR's initiative to increase admission of both groups. The Committee also recommended that the next plan include strategies for the growth of online course offerings, space constraints on campus, scholarship development, campus limitations to expansion, and the need to encourage support for creativity and openness when rethinking academic scheduling. The Committee further recommended that the administration share proposed text for any strategic plans related to admissions with the Committee and to include members of the campus community that are experts in admissions as well as Senate representation when drafting the plan.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 336 and did not note any concerns with the revision as it relates to the Committee's charge of undergraduate admissions. However, the Committee did recommend that the proposed revision to the bylaw include a strong justification for allowing up to three years to file disciplinary charges following receipt of a complaint. The Committee also recommended that greater clarity about the process and time limitations prior to filing disciplinary charges be provided.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed UC Transfer Admissions Guarantee and was supportive of the overall proposal. However, concern was noted that competitive transfer applicants interested in non-Transfer Pathway majors will be disadvantaged as they will not be eligible for a systemwide guarantee based on their preferred major. The Committee recommended that UCOP continue to work with campuses to aggressively add new transfer pathways and majors. The Committee was supportive of the proposal to build upon existing campus-level Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs), however, concern was expressed that despite BOARS request for campus-level autonomy as part of the proposal, UCOP may exert pressure and potentially force campuses to align TAG with transfer pathway requirements. This could result in a pool of TAG-eligible transfer applicants that will not be able to TAG to a campus if their course requirements do not align with a transfer pathway or their preferred major does not have a transfer pathway.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Academic Frameworks and did not have any concerns with the revision as it relates to the Committee's charge of undergraduate admissions. The Committee did note concern that the revision to the frameworks does not include a time frame that specifies how long the Regents have to reach a decision about the dismissal of a faculty member who has tenure or security of employment.

- The Committee reviewed the proposal for the joint Public Policy BA/MPP 5-year combined degree program and recommended that justification and rationale be provided for selecting the preliminary conditional admission criteria for entering freshmen as concern was noted that it is unlikely that there will be a sufficient pool of eligible applicants to support this program over the long-term based on the proposed thresholds. The Committee also recommended that the proposal be updated to clarify that the SAT score is based on the old scoring system and include the equivalent SAT score using the new SAT scale.

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