

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
MINUTES

PRESENT: S. Tan, Chair; W. Cleaves; J. Kelliher; W. Nida, C. Rasmussen, Q. Wang, W. Zhang

GUESTS: E. Engelschall, Director, Undergraduate Admissions; S. Heil, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research

Chair Sheldon Tan called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Following introductions of the Committee members, the Committee's charge and bylaws were reviewed.

The Chair asked for a member to volunteer to serve as the Committee's representative to the Special Review Committee and member Weiwei Zhang volunteered.

The Committee approved the Conflict of Interest Statement for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The Committee approved the minutes from the June 12, 2020 meeting.

The Committee discussed the proposed new admissions process to address test optional admissions and given the recent preliminary injunction by the Superior Court of The State of California against UC for using testing-optional admissions (Case No. RG19046222, Sept 1st, 2020), the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions voted in favor of adopting the test-blind AIS score only for the 2021 admission cycle in lieu of the currently proposed test-inclusive and test-blind AIS options. The test-inclusive AIS will remain in place as an option for the 2022 admissions cycle, pending the final outcome of the court case.

The primary rationale for this amendment to the previously proposed dual-AIS score admission policy is due to the recent preliminary injunction by Superior Court of The State of California and the campus must comply with the new order from the Superior Court. As a result, the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions believes it's in the best interest for UCR and the 2021 applicant pool to adopt the test-blind AIS score for the 2021 admission cycle so that Undergraduate Admissions can communicate a clear and consistent 2021 undergraduate admissions testing and comprehensive review policy to students as soon as possible given that the application for the Fall 2021 term is currently open. Additionally, it is critical that the Undergraduate Admissions office have an approved test-blind AIS score only for the 2021 admission cycle no later than September 30, 2020 (as the application for the Fall 2021 term is currently open). The amended proposal will be sent for Senate review.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:11PM.

Approved: October 16, 2020

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