

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
OCTOBER 18, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: S. Tan, Chair; W. Cleaves; J. Kelliher; W. Zhang

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

ABSENT: M. Haselhuhn; L. Lundgren, Ex Officio; W. Nida

Chair Sheldon Tan called the meeting to order at 10AM.

Following introductions of the Committee members, the Committee's bylaws and member's handbook 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 Chair also asked for a member to serve as an alternate to attend meetings of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) and member Wallace Cleaves volunteered.

The Committee approved the Conflict of Interest Statement for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The Committee approved the minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting.

The Chair provided the Committee with an update from the October 4, 2019 meeting of BOARS. BOARS reviewed transfer admissions policies and discussed the standardized testing admissions requirement. BOARS also discussed the state audit of admissions and potential changes to admissions processes that will result from the audit and new legislation. The Chair informed the Committee that BOARS discussed how the System verifies application information. Lastly, BOARS continued discussions on the change to requirement E in the A through G requirements to require 3 laboratory courses.

Director of Undergraduate Admissions Emily Engelschall presented an Admissions 101 presentation to the Committee that provided members with an overview of admissions policy and process at UCR.

Director Engelschall updated the Committee on the audit of undergraduate admissions that resulted from the admissions scandal last year. The first phase of the audit resulted in 28 recommendations for UCR's admissions activities, including several that will require the Committee's review as they are changes to policy. Director Engelschall informed the Committee that the second phase of the audit will entail reviewing student applications to ensure that they were evaluated correctly. Director Engelschall distributed a summary of the recommendations from the audit to members. Director Engelschall recommended to the Committee that several proposed policy changes to address the recommendations be included at each Committee meeting for discussion to ensure that the policies are adopted to meet the goal of implementation in one year.

Director Engelschall updated the Committee on the Department of Justice's investigation of NACAC and the groups decision to remove guidelines that prohibit recruitment competition.

The Chair summarized the Committee's work last academic year to draft a holistic review model for UCR and informed the Committee that work on the draft had been paused due to the audit in the case recommendations would be made to alter admissions practices. The Chair recommended that the Committee should still investigate Holistic Review and requested information from the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research to summarize the results from the pilot study conducted last year.

The Committee reviewed the California Committee Colleges Course articulation memo.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:57AM.

Approved: November 15, 2019

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