

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
JANUARY 31, 2020
MINUTES

PRESENT: S. Tan, Chair; W. Cleaves; M. Haselhuhn; J. Kelliher; W. Nida; Q. Wang; E. Engelschall, Ex Officio

GUESTS: A. Garcia, ASUCR Student Rep.; S. Heil, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research

ABSENT: W. Zhang

Chair Sheldon Tan called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

The Committee approved the minutes from the December 13, 2019 meeting.

The Chair provided the Committee with an update from the January 3, 2020 meeting of BOARS. BOARS discussed the Standardized Testing Taskforce's draft report and recommendations. The Chair informed the Committee that BOARS was supportive of the report's recommendations. The Chair informed the Committee that the report will be sent for Systemwide review soon and the Committee will have an opportunity to submit a response.

Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Ex Officio member Emily Engelschall updated the Committee on the Winter 20 Admissions cycle and informed the Committee that 365 new transfer students enrolled for the quarter.

Interim AVC Engelschall updated the Committee on the Fall 20 admissions cycle and shared a copy of the selection and waitlist timeline. The first round of admission offers is scheduled to be released on March 1, 2020. Interim AVC Engelschall informed the Committee that the campus targets for enrollment are 4,800 CA resident freshmen students and 2,000 CA resident transfer students. The Committee discussed the increase in enrollment and Interim AVC Engelschall informed the Committee that the campus will be able to accommodate the growth with the addition of 800 classroom seats and the large graduating class this year.

The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the Admission by Exception (AxE) Guidelines to include the Committee's recommendations from prior meetings this year. The Committee was reminded of the recently approved legislation that requires three high level administrators to approve all AxE admission decisions and recommended that the Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services, and College/School Dean or Associate/Divisional Dean for Student Academic Affairs be UCR's approvers. The Committee discussed if international students should be categorized in the disadvantaged category as they are often students from advantaged backgrounds. The Committee recommended that the descriptive language for first generation college students be updated so that it states parents did not complete a bachelor's degree. The Committee will review the proposed changes and will finalize their review of the document at the February 21, 2020 meeting. The Chair recommended that Interim AVC Engelschall also update the document so that it is in alignment with BOARS guidance for AxE policies.

The Committee discussed the possibility of the elimination of standardized testing as an admissions requirement and changes to the AIS and potential holistic review models. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research Scott Heil presented to the Committee machine readable data from the UC application for admissions. The Committee reviewed and discussed the data. AVC Heil informed the Committee that Institutional Research can build models in consideration of the presented data to consider how the AIS can be reweighted. The Committee will continue to discuss this item at the February meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

Approved: February 21, 2020

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