

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
FEBRUARY 21, 2020
MINUTES

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

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

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

The Committee approved the minutes from the January 31, 2020 meeting.

The Chair provided the Committee with an update from the February 7, 2020 meeting of BOARS. BOARS discussed several issues including the A through G requirements and the Standardized Testing Taskforce's draft report and recommendations.

The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the Admission by Exception (AxE) Guidelines to include the Committee's proposed changes from prior meetings this year to address recommendations that resulted from the first phase of the audit of admissions. The Committee recommended increasing special talent admissions from 1% to 2% so that the Guidelines are in alignment with BOARS recommendations. The Committee recommended several additional editorial changes to clarify the language of the document. Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Director of Undergraduate Admissions and ex officio member Emily Engelschall will update the guidelines with the recommended changes, which will then be sent to the Committee for final review and consideration of approval via email.

The Committee reviewed the Standardized Testing Taskforce's report. Committee members noted that the report was written in the context of holistic review, which UCR does not use for admissions. As a result, the Committee questioned if the report's recommendations can be applied to UCR. The Committee discussed the effect of the report on UCR admissions and the potential development of a holistic review model for admissions. The Committee agreed in principle with the report's conclusions and recommendations based on the comprehensive admission data and correlation analysis from the report. Additionally, the Committee found the admission data and analysis included in the report for UCR insightful and valuable for continued discussions to improve UCR's admissions process. The Chair will summarize the Committee's discussion in a memo to the Senate Chair that will be sent to the Committee for consideration of final approval.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the BOARS recommendation to eliminate the ACT/SAT essay requirement. The Chair will send a memo to the Senate Chair noting the Committee's support.

The Committee tabled the discussion of potential holistic review to the next meeting.

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

Approved: March 13, 2020

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