

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
APRIL 17, 2020
MINUTES

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

GUESTS: 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 March 13, 2020 meeting.

The Chair provided the Committee with an update from the April 3, 2020 meeting of BOARS. BOARS discussed the impact of Covid 19 on admissions and enrollment at the campuses as well as the impact it has had on students. BOARS also discussed potentially changing the word count for writing exams, intersegmental courses, potentially changing the Admissions by Exception (AxE) policy for California residents only, and continued to discuss the role of standardized testing for admissions.

Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Ex Officio member Emily Engelschall provided the Committee with an update on the Fall 2020 admissions cycle. AVC Engelschall informed the Committee that 11,000 students have been offered a place on the waitlist and of those students 5,600 students opted on the waitlist so far. The Committee discussed potential reasons that could cause admissions to drop and AVC Engelschall informed the Committee of UCR's plan to offer admissions to students on the waitlist to make up for any potential admission short falls. The Committee discussed the effect that the announcement of the instruction mode for Fall 20 could have on admissions. AVC Engelschall informed the Committee that the office of Undergraduate Admissions has worked to successfully shift engagement of admitted students to virtual experiences. The Committee was informed that transfer admission decisions for Fall 20 will be finalized in the coming week. AVC Engelschall informed the Committee that international students are being given the option of enrolling in Winter 21 due to Covid 19 travel implications.

AVC Engelschall informed the Committee of an issue affecting the Admissions Preparation Program (APP) students and late recruit student athletes who are considered for admissions with the AxE Guidelines. The Committee learned that due to the cancellation of the SAT and ACT this spring, the students have not been able to take the exam and therefore are not eligible for consideration of admissions with AxE. AVC Engelschall recommended that the Committee to consider three solutions to this issue which included admitting the students for Winter 21 after they are able to take the SAT or ACT, have the Special Review Committee (SRC) review their admission files, or propose a temporary modification to the AxE guidelines to allow for test exception for these students. The Committee voted to support proposing a modification to the AxE guidelines to allow for a test exception for APP and late recruit student athletes for the Fall 20 cohort. The Chair will draft a memo to propose the modification for Senate review.

The Committee discussed the need to revise UCR's Academic Index Score (AIS) for the Fall 21 admissions cycle to reflect the modification to the admissions process that allows for a test exception to the cancellation of SAT and ACT testing. AVC Engelschall presented to the Committee a proposal for how the AIS can be altered to address the modification to the testing requirement and informed the Committee that the revised AIS needs to be in place by August 2020 so that it can be programmed and tested prior

to the Fall 21 admissions cycle. The Committee discussed potentially developing a holistic review model for implementation for the Fall 21 admissions cycle. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research Scott Heil shared admissions simulations. The Chair recommended that a subcommittee be formed to draft a revised AIS model for the Fall 21 admissions cycle so that it can be presented to the Committee at the May 15 meeting for consideration of approval.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:05PM.

Approved: May 15, 2020

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