

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID
Report on Comprehensive Review Plan

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

Based on enrollment projections developed by the Admissions Office and the Committee on Planning and Budget, CAFA believes that in about two years our campus will no longer be able to accommodate all UC-eligible applicants. We have therefore begun to formulate a plan for the comprehensive review of applications using the fourteen criteria specified by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) (<http://senate.ucsc.edu/cafa/CompRev.comments100101.pdf>). Our comprehensive review plan will be modeled on those currently used at UCSB, UCD, UCSD, UCI, and the guidelines previously approved by CAFA to select students for Admission by Exception to UCSC (<http://senate.ucsc.edu/cafa/cafaat.pdf>) because of their relative simplicity and transparency.

CAFA unanimously recommends that the comprehensive review plan adopted by UCSC:

1. Be cost effective and appropriate to the degree of selectivity at UCSC.
2. Clearly state the relative weighting of admissions criteria in terms that can be easily understood by prospective students and their families.
3. Select students for admission to UCSC without consideration of the area of interest stated on their application.
4. Conform to the BOARS principle that: "Comprehensive review is the process by which students applying to UC campuses are evaluated for admission using multiple measures of achievement and promise, while considering the context in which each student has demonstrated accomplishment."

CAFA plans to evaluate the potential impact of various weighting strategies on enrollment patterns and the composition of our student body using the admissions database maintained by the Admissions Office, Student Affairs, and Institutional Research and Policy Studies. The results of these simulations will be presented to the Academic Senate during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

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