

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid  
Minutes  
April 25, 2008

Present: Richard Hughey, David Anthony, Amy Weaver (NSTF rep), Scott Oliver, Bruce Cooperstein, Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Absent: Karlton Hester, Juan Poblete, Nathan Zaru (undergrad rep), Mathew Palm (Student rep)

Guests: Acting Director Michael McCawley, Advisor Cheryl Perazzo

**Announcements**

Chair Hughey reported on the April 15 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting. The Task Force on Retention and Graduation met on April 15 to review data from the colleges. Chair Hughey is a member of the Task Force and Jaye Padgett, chair of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), is the chair.

Two of four candidates for the Arts Division's Dean search have come to campus. The first round for the School of Engineering (SOE)'s dean search was not successful. The second round will be held this summer or early fall. Both CAFA and CEP will participate in the search for a Director of Admissions.

The subcommittee on faculty salaries presented data that shows UCSC faculty at the scale for all UCs by an average of \$4,000-5,000. The SEC will review a draft salary proposal at its next meeting on April 29.

Per UC Senate Regulations, the Transfer Credit Limit from two-year institutions is 105 quarter units (70 semester units). The cap is helpful to Financial Aid. The CEP asked CAFA whether the reference to two-year institutions means that a student who is short units can take the units at another UC via concurrent enrollment or another four-year institution. The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) Working Rule (WR) 3600 covers this, but it is not referenced in UC's Transfer Guidelines and most people mistakenly believe California law governs this. BOARS' Rep David Anthony will bring WR 3600, which is 30 years old, to the systemwide committee meeting on May 2 for clarification and to discuss whether to make it a regulation.

The Minutes for the April 11 meeting were approved.

**Schedule for Review Cycle of Issues and Approval of Policies**

The Committee looked through the draft Schedule to decide what topics should be reviewed annually, every other year or when issues are raised by Admissions or Financial Aid. Some issues may be in care-taker mode and not need annual review and some policies may need to be in place for a few years to better track the impact of CAFA's decisions.

The CAFA orientation held each fall has grown into a half-day event that includes other committees and campus units. The Committee decided to hold the next orientation on campus, during the regular meeting day and to keep the focus on CAFA.

Acting Director McCawley will provide a timeline for publications for review of the campus' recruitment communication campaign.

CAFA determines admissions standards and processes, and has delegated the review of "normal" denial appeals to Admissions. The CAFA chair reviews the other appeals. From this year's class there were 350 appeals and we accepted 88 students. Appeals are more contentious each year and have become a political issue with some parents going to the chancellor, regents and sometimes the governor. The Committee will write Chancellor Blumenthal regarding its place, rather than the administration's, as the venue of final appeal.

The revised Schedule will be distributed with the next meeting agenda packet.

#### **Admission by Exception (AbyE)**

The Committee will do a final review of campus AbyE guidelines for the next two years. The comprehensive review and reading scores account for 90 percent of the AbyE admissions. Applications for all eligible students and the AbyE cohort are read. Concern was expressed that we are not admitting students from the upper range of non-eligible students whose applications are not read. Instead we are bringing in non-eligible students when many eligible ones are denied. The Master Plan defines the pool of ineligible students and concern was raised on applying these new criteria evenly. Admissions will provide data for further discussion of ACR, including how many eligible EOP students are being denied.

#### **Financial Aid**

An additional 3,000 applications were received for financial aid this year. Offers, which go out tomorrow, will be extended to every frosh who applied by March 15.

#### **Admissions**

Offers are ahead by around 250 this year due to an early Easter and earlier college tours. All UCs are up. The SIR deadline is May 1 and 4200 SIRs are needed to net 3700 admits. We will not be able to consider late SIRs to the 3,700 class of frosh, due to State budget. The economy will have an impact and may not show until summer. Transfer numbers may go up accordingly.