

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
February 1, 2008
Minutes

Present: Richard Hughey, Amy Weaver, Bruce Cooperstein, Scott Oliver, Karlton Hester, Pamela Edwards (ASO)
Absent: Juan Poblete, David Anthony, Mathew Palm (SUA), Nathan Zaru (SUA)
Guests: AVC Michelle Whittingham, Advisor Cheryl Perazzo, Acting Director Michael McCawley, Analyst Mary Masters, Director Michelle Handy

Announcements

At the joint Chancellor's Advisory Board and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting, members discussed the following:

- Professional school pre-proposals
- Special Visit Team of Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) report on accreditation issues implicated in the 2006 compensation audits
- What to do with the increase in frosh applications in light of the state budget cuts

Following the joint meeting, SEC met and discussed the following:

- Search for a School of Engineering dean
- The Committee on Privilege and Tenure may see cases regarding the new faculty salaries
- How to address the Ranch View Terrace internal audit report
- Follow up to CAFA's web presence consultation. CAFA was asked to draft a memo on the campus' web presence for SEC.

After minor corrections were made, the minutes for the January 18 and 25 meetings were approved.

Draft Essay Questions

The committee continued their discussed on draft questions for the UCSC Merit Scholarship application.

Admission by Exception and Bridge

Six percent of the enrolled frosh class can be Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC), Eligibility in the Statewide Context and Admission by Exception (AbyE) students. CAFA has full control over the 4 percent set aside for students with underserved backgrounds (socio economic status, first generation). AbyE systemwide is no where near 6 percent and a couple of years ago BOARS asked campuses to use the full percent.

At one point UCSC had 11 percent AbyE before implementing a three year process to reduce that number to regental policy. At that time the campus was not meeting enrollment goals and the selection process was different – race and ethnicity could be considered. The campus was not as popular with underrepresented students back then so AbyE was a way to attract students to the campus (two-thirds were underrepresented).

Each year CAFA reviews the analysis on this cohort to determine the success of the program and whether adjustments are needed. Starting in the fall of 2005, the committee directed Admissions to use of the full 4 percent to provide more opportunities for students who do not meet all admission requirements. This fall CAFA asked that the campus use the full 6 percent for fall 2009 admits.

Last year 6500 applications were read. If minimum English and math requirements were met Admissions continues to review the application (706 had English and math in process). There were 419 offers to capture the Bridge class. Bridge students are held to standards and must participate in academic programs for the first full year as a condition of admission. Students participate in a weekend summer program, early move-in and class enrollment and a learning community. Advising continues in winter and spring quarters. Each year 4-7 students don't successfully meet academic requirements. Some leave campus and return as a junior. Last year 21 students left of which 9 were canceled. Retention is very similar for AbyE and non-AbyE students and graduation takes a little longer for AbyE students.

Draft Laptop Memo to CCT

Member discussed and revised their response to the Committee on Computing and Telecommunications' draft laptop proposal.

Strategic Academic Plan, Part A

Members discussed Part A of UCSC's draft Academic Plan. Chair Hughey will circulate a draft response to members for feedback.