

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
MINUTES
Meeting of October 26, 2007

Present: Chair Richard Hughey, Scott Oliver, David Anthony, Juan Poblete, Bruce Cooperstein, Amy Weaver (NSTF), Nathan Zaru (SUA) and Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Guests: Acting Director Admissions Michael McCawley, Director Financial Aid Ann Draper

Absent: Mathew Palm (SUA)

Executive Session

During an executive session to discuss meeting protocol with regards to guests, the committee agreed to extend a standing invitation to CAFA meetings to Acting Director Admissions Michael McCawley, Director Financial Aid Ann Draper, Scholarship Advisory Cheryl Perazzo and Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Michelle Whittingham. Invited guests will be asked to notify the chair if they wish to bring additional guests to the meetings.

Announcements

Honors Program: All UC's except Merced and Santa Cruz have an honors program. In preparation for the Honors consultation with VP and Dean of Undergraduate Education Bill Ladusaw on November 2, members were asked to review UCSC "Honors and Enrichment Programs" and "Undergraduate Honors" web pages plus the honors web sites for other UCs. How will honors bring higher achieving students to the campus and retain students?

Web homework: The deadline for reviewing divisional web sites as prospective students and providing feedback for Admissions was extended to the November 30 meeting.

Eligibility Modification Consultation: Chair Hughey met with the Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) to discuss BOARS' Eligibility Modification Proposal and will meet with the Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity next week. CPB is concerned that Admissions will be overloaded by the proposed changes.

Honors Designation: The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) has proposed an amendment to Santa Cruz Regulation (SCR) 11 on UCSC honors designation. The amendment would create a University honors, *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude*, based on the UC grade point average and a quarterly Dean's Honors list based on the current quarter's GPA plus units earned and graded. Junior college courses are not computed in the GPA. The use of the word *may* in section 11.7 regarding ineligibility for honor's designation due to disciplinary sanction for a violation of academic integrity is intentional give provost control. The proposed amendment is on agenda for the November 9 Academic Senate meeting. CAFA previously reviewed the proposal on

October 5.

After minor changes the October 5 minutes were approved.

Admissions

The Office of the President is launching Statfinder web site with three year's worth of admissions data. The level of specificity on some levels is extensive and you can build your own query by system or campus.

Data distributed on the Fall 2007 frosh admitted pool includes a summary of ethnicity, gender, residency status and API scores. There were 1,692 students in the Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) pool, 16,786 were Eligible in the Statewide Context, 210 were Test Score Eligible and 487 were Admission by Exception (AbyE) students. Admission was denied to 1,500 eligible students. We did not deny any ELC students, though a few withdrew because of offers elsewhere.

Review of the data for discussion of the BOARS' eligibility modification proposal raised the following issues.

- The proposal is not transparent for students and their families and high school advisors.
- Students are self-selecting out of applying to UC and the proposal is trying to respond to this, but there are other ways to do this.
- Will the proposal stay within the 12.5 % as designated in the Master Plan?
- Campuses already have flexibility within UC eligibility through AbyE and comprehensive review. Although CAFA instructed Admissions to go after the full 6 percent of AbyE students allowed under UC policy, the fall 2007 cohort will only be around 4.2 percent due to the additional frosh this fall.
- AbyE students have to meet the English and Math A-G requirements and the bulk are ELC students who participate in the first year Bridge program. The average GPA for Bridge students is just under 3.0 (the lowest GPA in Bridge was 2.4).
- The majority of AbyE students apply because they don't understand if they are eligible. Very little marketing done to this group because we cannot give preferential treatment.
- Through comprehensive review, UCLA was able to attract more African-American students though what really worked was offering lots of scholarships.
- Increase the number of ELC students to 10 percent. Although 97 percent of ELC students are statewide eligible the point is to address the several hundred California high schools who do not have any students apply to UC.
- There was no committee support for putting the BOARS' proposal on the November 9 Senate Call and having Chair Hughey do a PowerPoint presentation. CAFA agrees with the proposal's goal to increase access and broaden the applicant pool for students who do not think they are UC eligible. Data and analysis is needed on the proposal's impact on UC and UCSC and what resources would be available to the campuses for implementation.
- Alternate suggestions include dropping the subject exams in selection criteria, increase ELC to encourage more students up front to apply, which is clearer than

eligibility in the statewide context and drop AbyE percentages (a local decision).

Chair Hughey will draft the committee's response on eligibility modification and circulate it to members via email for comment.

BOARS

No recap of the October 5th meeting was provided.

UC Affordability

A preliminary assessment by the UC Affordability Workgroup found that students are borrowing more and working more to be able to attend a UC and propose that the state matches funds raised on the campus level. Campus ability to provide financial aid varies and could be a problem with Cal Grant program. Financial Aid Director Draper will provide updates and the committee's report in January.