

**Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid**  
**Minutes**  
**January 15, 2010**

Present: Bruce Cooperstein, Raoul Birnbaum, Faye Crosby, Donald Wittman, Chris Edwards, Alex De Arana-Lemich (SUA), Andy Firsher, Bakthan Singaram, Juan Poblete, Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Absent: Amy Weaver (NSTF), Robert Singleton (SUA)

Guests: BOARS Chair Sylvia Hurtado, BOARS Vice Chair Bill Jacobs, AVC Michelle Whittingham, Senate Chair Lori Kletzer, VPDUE Bill Ladusaw, Director Ann Draper, Associate Director Michael McCawley

In December BOARS released a report on admissions tests

([http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/committees/boars/boars.testingrpt.toRegents\\_000.pdf](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/committees/boars/boars.testingrpt.toRegents_000.pdf)) which found that subject test add little predictive value. UC is the largest market in the country for the subject tests, but many universities we compete with do not use them. Writing tests are the most predictive part of the SAT.

The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) chair and vice chair met with the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (CAFA) to discuss Entitled to Review (ETR) the new UC admissions program effective fall 2012. Under ETR subject tests will no longer be required which will expand the number of students guaranteed UC admission and will increase the percentage of students admitted without falling into the current Admission by Exception (AbyE) category.

Half of students admitted to UC come from only twenty percent of California high schools. Chair Hurtado said that the Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) cohort is a very high performing group of students with past and current success, yet we are not meeting UC's mission to reach students in every corner of the state. Expansion of ELC will result in representation from more schools (UCSC currently admits ninety-five percent of the ELC applicant pool). SAT subject test scores do not enter into ETR consideration. Students are submitting applications on average to 3.5 UC campuses. The overlap of admitted students increased in 2010. The hope is that with ETR only Merced will rely on the UC referral pool.

Under ETR students must meet a-g and test requirements and have a 3.0 weighted GPA for review by any UC campus. BOARS had recommended a 2.8 unweighted GPA, the Regents decided on a 3.0 weighted GPA. Central processors provide various GPA options and campuses currently pick or combine what they use.

BOARS requires the use of some or all of the 14 admission criteria for selective campuses. UCSC uses all 14, 9 to determine the computed index score and 5 for review by readers.

Comprehensive review allows us to look at a broader group of students regardless of AP courses offered. If a student takes all available AP courses it's important to look closer at the application to see if the student has gone beyond what is offered at their high school and local community colleges. Chair Hurtado said campuses must determine the philosophy that will guide their selection process and recommends CAFA develop, similar to other UCs, a strong campus philosophy statement that is clearly articulated in our admission documents.

A member asked if simulations looked at the changing composition of students and the need for academic support due to increased demand for certain classes with declining resources. Concern was raised that this is an unfunded mandate without proper resources for academic support to ensure success.

Chair Hurtado said every simulation looked at the applicant pool, how it changed and in each case the GPA and test scores increased. Economies of scale can be achieved at the upper levels, and there are ways to achieve efficiencies, especially if you collaborate with other campuses.

CAFA will review the matrix of what we use to determine the philosophy for our future alumni. VPDUE Ladusaw suggested looking at who actually graduates when formulating our philosophy (GPA is the strongest predictor of graduation nationwide).

### **Chair's Announcements**

Chair Cooperstein reported on the January 12 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting. CP/EVC Klinger will step down on July 1. It has not yet been determined if the search will be national or UC wide and whether an interim appointment will be made.

The Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections will submit Bylaw changes on mail ballots and the number of faculty required to call a special meeting (from 10 to 25) at the winter Senate meeting.

Academic Council Chair Henry Powell is scheduled to visit all UC campuses. President Yudolf's visit with UCSC has been canceled. The return of student fees varies by campus. UCSC is one of the campuses that does not recover all student fees (was 69 cents, now 82 cents). Chancellor Blumenthal would like SEC to meet with Chair Powell to discuss the fee recovery formula.

As of January 1, Santa Cruz is the only campus without faculty and staff child care services. We are perceived as a very expensive campus and the cost or lack of child care, when competing against other UCs that offer these services, creates a recruiting and retention problem for faculty and impacts diversity. CAFA will send a letter of support for employee child care services to SEC.

The November 20 minutes were approved with changes.

### **Action Items**

The Honors and Merit Scholarship will review prompts for this year's essays at the January 22 meeting.

The key point in today's consultation was that CAFA needs to have a clearly articulated campus philosophy. The committee will brainstorm over email on the goals of our admission policy and continue discussion of the outcome, process and administrative and financial structure that will allow us to achieve this.