

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
January 22, 2010
Minutes

Present: Bruce Cooperstein, Raoul Birnbaum, Faye Crosby, Chris Edwards, Juan Poblete, Bakthan Singaram, Donald Wittmank, Amy Weaver (NSTF), Alex De Arana-Lemich (SUA), Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Absent: Andy Firsher, Robert Singleton (SUA)

Guests: AVC Michelle Whittingham, Director Ann Draper, Associate Director Michael McCawley

Chair's Announcements

The Council of Deans will meet with CAFA on January 29 to discuss non-resident admissions issues.

Learning Center Director Holly Gritsch de Cordova and EOP Executive Director Pablo Guillermo Reguerin are scheduled on February 12 to consult on the Bridge program.

Entitled To Review (ETR)

Next spring CAFA will finalize selection criteria for implementation of ETR in fall 2012. ETR, UC's new admissions program, will increase the number of students who are guaranteed UC admission and the percentage of students admitted who do not fall into the Admission by Exception (AbyE) category.

All data sets come from the UC Office of the President. The committee would like a better understanding of the information available to extract and what is being done at other UCs. Some campuses believe in a quantitative approach, others read all applications or utilize a hybrid approach. The UCLA and UCB read sheets include data on writing placement exams and school sending rates. When analyzing data, CAFA will also formulate the principles and philosophy that will guide its selection process under ETR.

Non-Resident Students

Divisions are being asked for proposals to increase the number of out of state students. Eligibility criteria are higher for this cohort and non-resident fees are kept locally. In December the following principles were drafted for enrollment of non-resident students.

- UCSC should educate resident students that the State of California funds.
- UC has a mandate to educate resident students.
- Non-resident students provide geographic diversity to our campus.

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Child Care Memo

At the beginning of the year, Santa Cruz became the only UC campus that does not provide child care services to its employees (faculty and staff). Childcare a recruiting and retention issue for faculty and staff that impacts campus diversity. The memo to the Senate Executive Committee in support of employee child care was finalized.

Bridge Program

The committee discussed talking points for the Bridge consultation with Student Affairs next month. Currently students agree to participate in Bridge as a condition of admission. This first year program includes an academic success class in the fall and mandatory quarterly advising. Under ETR, some Admission by Exception (AbyE) students will also satisfy Bridge criteria. The difference is that this cohort will be accepted for admission, unconditionally and Bridge would become voluntary. What is Student Affairs' plan for the program and the future and capacity of this model? Members would like disaggregated data on GPA and

success rates for the Bridge cohort and an accurate statement on program costs. CAFA may have other ideas for a Bridge-type academic support program as it develops its principles and philosophy for admission under ETR. Merit Scholar Essay Prompts

Essay Prompts

CAFA unanimously supports the Honors and Merit Scholarship subcommittee's essay prompts for the selection of next year's merit scholars. Faculty essay readers are needed at the end of February to read and rate essays. Similar to past years, each essay will get two reads. This year's essays will be posted to a password web site for viewing.

Bridge Proposal

The committee discussed AbyE and EOP criteria and data as it considered a member's proposal to eliminate Bridge. CAFA directed Admissions to not use 6% as an AbyE target for enrolled students (anything less is fine) and supports the use of 2% for administrative or technical errors. The Computed Index Score (CIS) cutoff to determine eligibility is 5600 points.

Admissions provided a preliminary update on applications for fall 2010. There are 12294 admitted students and 1358 applicants, at or above the CIS cutoff, who are potentially ineligible. By Regential policy, 4% of the campus AbyE decisions should be reserved for low income/first generation students. Of the 1358, 602 are first generation and 498 are EOP.