

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
March 12, 2010
Minutes

Present: Bruce Cooperstein, Raoul Birnbaum, Faye Crosby, Chris Edwards, Andy Fisher, Juan Poblete, Donald Wittman, Amy Weaver (NSTF), Alex De Arana-Lemich (SUA), Alma Natalia De Castro (SUA), Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Absent: Bakthan Singaram, Robert Singleton (SUA)

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

Announcements

Chair Cooperstein briefly reported on the March 2 joint Chancellor's Advisory Board and Senate Executive (SEC) and the March 9 SEC meeting. Chancellor Blumenthal talked about the March 4 visit to Sacramento and the campus plans for and response to the March 4 demonstrations which closed the campus. Losses incurred due to the closure include time sensitive graduate student research. SEC also discussed the budget update and the upcoming NES forum.

Alternate reps were arranged for the April 22 Web Council meeting on April 27 SEC meeting.

The November 20 minutes were approved with changes.

Action Items

In January, BOARS' Chair Sylvia Hurtado said campuses must determine the philosophy that will guide their selection process when UC moves to ETR (Entitled to Review) and recommended CAFA develop a strong campus philosophy statement articulated in our admission documents. The committee discussed several drafts of a philosophy statement that will become operational and lead to policy development. The committee is trying to produce a guiding view of what we would like to be and a sensible way to assess how students will succeed here. The statement will help Admissions understand what CAFA wants to achieve and they in turn will help develop the method for doing this. Members agree on the fundamentals – UCSC is a top-tiered public university that is committed to excellence, diversity, high achieving students and innovative research – but is having difficulty reaching consensus on the specifics. Admissions hears from faculty and high school counselors that academic performance should be at the top of what we are considering. CAFA will continue to exchange and incorporate ideas via email.

Appeals Guidelines

The Appeals subcommittee recommended seven principles that have been used in the past to use as guidelines for reviewing Fall 2010 admission appeals. Admissions will consult with the chair of CAFA on any frosh appeal where a decision cannot be made using the guidelines. The subcommittee also discussed transfer appeals and agrees that Admissions will continue to approve appeals that meet transfer selection criteria. CAFA concurs with the principles and guidelines.

Honors Consultation

The Honors subcommittee will lead the April 16 discussion with VPDUE Ladusaw. CAFA would like to know the status of Ladusaw's proposal for creating resident honors programs and progress on other ideas for attracting and retaining high achieving students.

UCPB Paper on Differential Fee and Non-Resident Tuition Paper

In the fall, CAFA overwhelmingly opposed President Yudolf's proposal to the Regents for a differential fee structure for certain programs such as engineering and business. The Academic Council also opposed Yudolf's proposal which was subsequently withdrawn. The committee is now considering the systemwide Committee on Planning and Budget's position paper on differential fees and non-resident tuition. Members restated their

objections from the fall on philosophical and pragmatic grounds, that this is a big step on the road to privatization and will reduced access for middle and low income students. Some believe that differential fees would increase the tiers that exist among campuses and that revenues should stay with the campus (UCPB's position) that produces them with priority given to California students. Members also object to student fees funding the faculty salary plan or retirement system. CAFA agrees with BOARS' principle #7 which states "Campuses should not use undergraduate generated non-resident tuition to fund other aspects of their budgets."

Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)

Professor Poblete reported that BOARS is working on articulation for Gen Ed requirements at the CSUs and looking at percents for non-resident students.