

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid

April 2, 2010

Minutes

Present: 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: Bruce Cooperstein, Raoul Birnbaum, Bakthan Singaram, Robert Singleton (SUA), Michelle Romero (SUA)

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

Announcements

Professor Faye Crosby is serving as chair pro tem for the month of April.

There were no topics on the Senate Executive Committee March 30 agenda under CAFA's purview.

Yield Data

CAFA reviewed the academic, demographic and family income measures for Fall 2009 and Fall 2010 Frosh Admission by Exception (AbyE) admits. Overall there was an increase in underrepresented students. The GPA, Computed Index, SAT and ACT scores also increased. More opportunity was given to a larger number of students in the eligible pool.

Fall 2010 Freshman Admissions Outcomes

Last year CAFA made changes to AbyE and the weighing of comprehensive review criteria. This year Bridge was eliminated as a condition for admission of EOP students. A lot of people were confused by the sequence of changes. The "Fall 2010 Freshman Admissions Outcomes" communication piece was drafted to explain the changes, why they were made and the outcome of doing so. Members agreed this would be worthwhile to send out.

Action Items

Final comments for the response to UCPB Paper on Differential Fee and Non-Resident Tuition Paper were approved.

CAFA continued its discussion of the Guiding Principles for admission criteria which at this time is an internal document only. Unique features to highlight in the document are UCSC's undergrad research opportunities, the residential colleges system, interdisciplinary education and engagement/connecting.

The Appeals subcommittee created a process flow chart to go along with the draft guidelines for 2010 appeals. In policy the chancellor can, after consultation with CAFA, can make an exception that will benefit the campus. Exceptions are reported to the Regents annually.

Talking points for the May 14 consultation with Student Affairs Vice Chancellor McGinty were finalized. CAFA will request an update on the "getting involved" web site proposal from last year. Budget cuts to Admissions will have a huge impact on financial aid and outreach. How can cuts be minimized so that the unit can maintain its legal and regulatory obligations? Are there functions that can be automated? What will happen to Bridge in the current round of budget cuts and what are your plans for making a voluntary Bridge program successful? CAFA will make a strong statement in support of maintaining funding levels for enrollment management, financial aid and support services for students who are less prepared for college life.