

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
April 30, 2010
Minutes

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

Absent: Bruce Cooperstein,

Guests: Director Draper, Associate Director Michael McCawley

Announcements

The December 4 minutes were approved.

Professor Wittman reported on the April 27 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting. The Senate approved an amendment to regulations making written narrative evaluations instructor optional, SEC developed questions for the CP/EVC interviews and the second Silicon Valley search is underway utilizing the same committee as the first time. SEC discussed capacity issues (fewer faculty and TAs) with Chancellor Blumenthal.

Enrollment for the High School Scholars Program (HSSP) was moved to UCSC Extension several years ago. CAFA delegated to Admissions the authority to update academic criteria for the program. Although students may take up to 12 units a quarter the average is 5. This year 37 students applied, 18 participated in the program. Concurrent enrollment is based on availability; the CAFA chair provides a letter of support to prospective students who meet with instructors on the first day of classes.). The issue of capacity was raised this year. CAFA unanimously supports the principle that no priority to displace a regularly enrolled UCSC student will be given to a HSSP student. The letter for this year's cohort was approved.

Proposal to Expand Area "d" Laboratory Science Admissions Requirement

Members briefly discussed strategy for review of the proposal to add Earth, Environmental and Space Sciences to the Area "d" requirement at the next meeting on May 14. BOARS recommended no change to the current policy.

Honors

Approximately 45 prospective Regent's scholars attended the Chancellor's Reception on April 3. Thank you to Professors Birnbaum, Crosby, Poblete and Singaram for their participation and interaction with students and their families. As of mid-April 11 students had submitted their SIRs, 8 had attended the reception.

The committee discussed Professor Birnbaum's proposal to form a joint CAFA and Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) committee, in consultation with VPDUE Ladusaw, to study the options for an undergraduate honors programs at Santa Cruz. The committee would be formed this quarter to consider next steps for fall and winter with the goal of presenting an honors program proposal at the spring 2011 Senate meeting. CAFA endorses the proposal, Professor Edwards will serve as one of reps and Chair Pro Tem Crosby will write to the chair of CEP.

Commission on the Future of the University Recommendations

Thank you to members for drafting comments on the recommendations under CAFA's purview. The committee is most concerned with the fiscal and political impact of increasing non-resident students and differential fees, tuition.