

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
May 28, 2010
Minutes

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

Absent: Andy Fisher, Michelle Romero (SUA)

Guests: Associate Vice Chancellor Michelle Whittington, Director Ann Draper

Announcements

CAFA received a request to meet with department chairs and research directors from the Physical and Biological Sciences Division to discuss the committee's approach to balancing excellence, access, and student preparation for potential science majors. Chair Cooperstein, Professor Fisher and Associate Director McCawley will attend the June 2 meeting and report back to the committee in the fall.

CAFA confirmed that no changes will be made to comprehensive review criteria this year.

CAFA meetings will be moved next year to Wednesdays at the same time, from 9-11am.

Draft minutes will be posted for review and approval on June 4.

The deadline for CAFA's annual report is August 31. Members were asked to submit their subcommittee drafts by August 1.

Admissions

Santa Cruz hit its target for transfer students and is 49% ahead of last year. Riverside and Santa Cruz had the largest transfer increase in the system. Admissions will meet with VPDUE about a proposal to house all transfer students in the new Porter wing. Meeting our frosh target in the fall could impact capacity for the plan.

The increase for summer session may be as high as 30% this year.

Santa Cruz received 3855 Statements of Intent to Register (SIR); the SIR target was 3600 to enroll a target class of 3200. We have half the number of non-resident students as last year. Santa Barbara did not meet its frosh target and went out to all students on their waitlist. This will affect our summer melt and final yield.

UC will hold a non-resident workshop for Admissions planning teams on June 14-15 in Santa Clara. Chair Cooperstein may attend as CAFA representative and student rep Alma Natalia De Castro will attend as AVC Whittington's personal guest.

Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)

The BOARS UC Comprehensive Review Report was distributed to members at the beginning of the week. Professor Poblete recommends a summer read of data that compares what other campuses do. The committee will consider the data as it finalizes guiding principles for admissions in the fall, evaluates Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) due to changes in the systemwide percent and determines how to implement comprehensive review under the UC Entitled to Review (ETR) program 2012.

Bridge Program

The committee discussed the proposed changes to the Bridge program in Student Affairs Vice Chancellor McGinty's post consultation memo dated May 17. The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) will implement a hybrid approach to Bridge in the fall that includes an invitational program for 60 frosh and a new

EOP Sophomore Academy for 50 that will focus on assisting students in selecting a major and include discipline specific workshops. Executive Director Reguerin will provide details on the Bridge program to the committee in the fall. CAFA will restate its support for the Bridge program, request the framework and budget for the hybrid program and follow up on its request for clarification on whether the cohort of EOP sophomores having academic difficulty includes Bridge students.

Proposal to Expand Area “d” Laboratory Science Admissions Requirement

The proposal would expand the subject matter, but not change the approval process for classes. The discussion focused on the difference between rigor and fundamentals, whether other areas of science teach rigor and principles, what high schools are available and preparing students for university level science classes. CAFA voted against the proposal to expand Area “d”.

Honors

In the fall the committee will follow up on its proposal to the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) for a joint CAFA/CEP committee to design an honors program for undergraduate students. Professors Birnbaum and Edwards will serve as CAFA’s reps to the joint committee that will consult with VPDUE Ladusaw, the Council of Provosts, academic preceptors, departments, Regents scholars and other high achieving students.