

**Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid**  
**December 4, 2009**  
**Minutes**

Present: Bruce Cooperstein, Andy Fisher, Amy Weaver (NSTF), Faye Crosby, Chris Edwards, Alex De Arana-

Lemich (SUA), Bakthan Singaram, Donald Wittman, Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Absent: Juan Poblete, Christina Farro (SUA), Robert Singleton (SUA)

Guest: Associate Vice Chancellor Michelle Whittington, Director Ann Draper, Advisor Kori Calubaquib

**Announcements**

Chair Cooperstein provided a brief recap of issues from the Senate Executive Committee's December 1 meeting. Students and faculty from the UCs, CSUs and community colleges are planning a March 4 walk on Sacramento to bring attention to fee increases and the decline in state support for higher education. The Narrative Evaluation task force, chaired by Senate Vice Chair Marc Mangel, is working on legislation which may eliminate evaluations or require them for classes of 25 or less and elimination of evaluation reports from personnel reviews.

UC Office of the President 2010-2011 targets will include a decrease in frosh and an increase in transfer students.

**Policy Review Discussion**

CAFA discussed the Special Committee Report on Remote and Online Instruction and Residency recommendations. Feedback from members was mixed. Some felt the web could be used to enhance and compliment the classroom experience and used for supplemental courses. Currently several lower division math courses have parts online. Lectures could be posted for review as a study tool. Online classes could also provide timely access to required classes that are over impacted to avoid graduation delays. UCLA offers some classes solely online and UCB uses them for overflow where students watch on a remote monitor. Other members felt students are more engaged in a lecture and the physical interaction is critical for enhancing the classroom experience. Lab sections need to be in person and some students complain that the online PowerPoint presentations are very dense data filled and go fast. One member expressed a gut reaction against remote instruction and others felt it would shift the nature of the university and impact admissions by diluting what we provide.

**Non Resident Students**

UCSC has 600 students over the enrollment target this year, but we have a small number of non-resident students currently. There is very little recruitment being done because the Admissions budget has been in deficit for years. Members discussed the budget and pedagogy impact of accepting more non-resident students - enhancing the educational experience of our California students, replacing California residents (8-10% systemwide), the impact on ethnic, geographical and socio-economic diversity and non-resident Regents scholars. There is little financial support for need based non-resident students who pay higher costs than California students. Non-resident applicants do not receive points for low API. CAFA will review data from Admissions and continue its discussion next quarter.

**Action Items**

CAFA discussed the strategy and ideology of past prompts used to award merit scholarships. The Honors and Merit Scholarship subcommittee will finalized this year's questions based on members' feedback.

CAFA discussed implementation of Admission by Exception (AbyE) for fall 2010, whether to use the full

6% of AbyE for the target and what the committee hopes to achieve. By definition, students are not AbyE if they are above eligibility, EOP categories are weighted in the computed index score. Admissions will run various simulations for discussion in winter quarter.