

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid
April 16, 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), Michelle Romero (SUA), Pamela Edwards (ASO)

Absent: Bruce Cooperstein, Alma Natalia De Castro (SUA)

Guests: AVC Michelle Whittingham, Associate Director Michael McCawley, VPDUE William Ladusaw

Commission on the Future of the University Recommendations

Many working group recommendations fall under CAFA's purview. Applicable sections were delegated to members to draft initial responses. CAFA's feedback will include comments on the following issues.

- Absence of transparent data on costs for research, administration and to educate students, lack of information on process
- Part time programs are key for transfer students who work full and part time
- Different fees by campus, transfer and part-time students will cause further stratification
- Maintain access and affordability for California students
- Utilization of associate monies from non-resident students
- The long term affect on UC system if some campuses continue to increase their number of non-resident students (less state monies)
- Need equity in the distribution of funding from out of state students to prevent further stratification of the campuses.
- Endorse principle #1 - the university as a whole taking students up to the funded level for in-state students, then if additional capacity is available to bring in non-residents
- Endorse institutional aid for non-documented students (45% are citizens) and undocumented students in the pipeline.
- General agreement with proposal to set multi-year fees, concern with long term equity issues and financial aid implications
- Suggest a change in nomenclature – call fees tuition

Honors Consultation with VPDUE Ladusaw

CAFA would like to have more high achieving students apply and come here. What actions are the VPDUE taking to attract and retain honors students, how can we help? How do you address the issue that the curriculum is not challenging? The budget is distracting from this area of CAFA's purview. What can be done when the economic situation improves?

VPDUE Ladusaw said the tactic for increasing the retention of high achieving students is to build community. You cannot foster community with a website. Face-to-face activities and a connection with faculty members are needed to keep the core group going over time. In the summer of 2000 we had a Regents Scholars bridge program that was very popular and included short courses given by five faculty members. The program helped students bond and they eventually formed the Regents Scholars Association. The addition of an undergraduate Dean's List and sponsorship of a chapter of the Golden Key honors society in 2008 also helped. Ladusaw is pushing to establish honors fellowships (\$5000).

VPDUE Ladusaw would like to see a formal honors designation in the first year or later, similar to the Los Angeles and Berkeley program. Los Angeles used the Discovery seminars to build their honors program. Funding for that has been lost. For the curriculum piece you need to work with CEP. There has always been interest on CAFA and CEP's part, but no critical mass from the two committees. The Millennium report suggested the committees move forward on this. Sustainability of the program and a campus commitment are

essential pieces to its success. The VPDUE recommended a joint CAFA and CEP effort to create an honors program and offered his office's support for this endeavor.

Professor Birnbaum will draft a proposal for a joint CEP/CAFA honors subcommittee.

Action Items

CAFA endorsed the process map and guidelines for frosh and transfer students' admissions appeals. Documents will be sent to Chancellor Blumenthal and posted to the committee's web page.

The committee will confirm its support for the new optional Bridge program in a memo to Vice Chancellor McGinty and offer to work with her division to maintain the program.

CAFA had a brief discussion on non-resident students and tuition, but did not reach consensus. Discussion will continue by email.