

## **Minutes - Committee on Admissions & Financial Aid (CAFA) November 30, 2011**

The Committee on Admissions & Financial Aid met on November 30, 2011, from 9:00am-11:00am, in 307 Kerr Hall.

**Present:** June Gordon, L.S. Kim, Chris Edwards, Andy Fisher, Tracy Larabee, Susan Strome, Renya Ramirez, Candace Calsoyas (NSTF), Marco Suarez (SUA), James Ramsay (SUA), Matthew Mednick (ASO).

**Absent:** Hiroshi Fukurai, Victoria Gonzalez-Pagani, Nelson Cortez (SUA).

**Guests:** EVC Galloway, OPERS Director Andrews

### **Honors Sub-committee Updates**

Members: Susan Strome, Tracy Larabee, James Ramsay (SUA)

The sub-committee will be meeting with the VPDUE and Provosts to discuss the piloted honors program at Cowell and expanding the program from one to three or four colleges in 2012-13. The objective is to finalize several issues related to admission to the program and second and third quarter programming which the Admissions Office will need in order to properly communicate with counselors/constituents during the next admissions cycle.

The objectives of the program from CAFA's point of view remain unchanged: High-level educational opportunities for students, creating a community for high-achieving students, and the opportunity for students to interact with senate faculty early on in their time at UCSC. Participants of the honors program will begin Fall quarter taking a class at their College, but in Winter will have access to the seminar course taught at any participating College, and in Spring, the original goal was faculty research lectures which the cohort would all attend together. During the 2011-12 pilot program, the Winter seminar will be taught by Raoul Birnbaum, with a service learning course in Spring (2 credit).

The endowment differences among Colleges presents a potential funding issue with some Colleges able to partially support Honors programming with others that will need all these costs covered centrally by the VPDUE.

The sub-committee will bring back a recommendation on how the admissions process for the Honors Program should be structured within Holistic Review. It was discussed that all applicants with a score of 1 (approximately 10% of applicants) and/or provisional C1 requirement satisfied could be invited to participate. CAFA plans to deliberate on this issue at a meeting early in Winter quarter.

### **Consultation with EVC Galloway**

The EVC discussed one of her 5 Goals, increased retention, and alluded to the Retention report which will be coming out just before or after the winter break. The campuswide focus is on where and why we are losing students, and Planning & Budget has been working with the VPAA to

produce a document that can address these concerns and contributing factors. Some preliminary data were discussed, for instance that the lowest academically performing students are particularly at risk, disproportionately lost more than other cohorts.

How can the campus promote itself as a pipeline to graduate degrees? UCSC currently has a very diverse graduate population, and one of the many tasks for the next few years will be communicating this fact to the undergraduate population, many of whom do not seek graduate degrees.

Identification of the uses for any increases non-resident student tuition, while ensuring we do not displace any California students. The overall target of about 440 non-residents students is a achievable goal and one which does not represent a large percentage of UCSC's student body, as opposed to some other UC campuses which enroll over 10% non-residents.

CAFA data sub-committee discussed the data-request which will be sent to Planning & Budget. The objective of the sub-committee will be tracking the results and impacts of Holistic Review. Using the current year as a baseline, along with computed index score (CIS) indices, CAFA should be able to begin a dataset that tracks first year progress, for instance number of credits completed, GPA, and continued enrollment. The ultimate goal will be to partner with Institutional Research and correlate admissions data with overall student performance throughout the academic year. The EVC asked that CAFA monitor the implementation of Holistic Review closely to ensure there are no unintended consequences.

### **Holistic Tie-Break Criteria Clarification**

Due to time concerns, this topic was moved to the first meeting in January after some preliminary discussion.

### **UCSC Athletics Proposal to CAFA**

Director of OPERS Ryan Andrews, and guests were invited to present his proposal for the early review and notification/admission of student athletes. He has asked for this early review in order for UCSC's athletics programs to recruit competitively with peer institutions. In many cases, other institutions are notifying by the end of January, which is months ahead of our current schedule. As a result, many prospective students are lured away from UCSC by scholarship packages, rather than waiting for notification from UCSC.

There are approximately 14 teams with 15+ participants each. It was argued that consideration of this cohort could be likened to the international student population to whom the campus may be considering giving early notification admission considerations.

Associate Director McCawley pointed out that with Holistic Review, it would be impossible to ensure that students which had applied to UCLA or UCB as well as UCSC could be reviewed on an earlier timeline. This due to the randomized order of the reviews. CAFA agreed to deliberate on this issue once the committee reconvened in Winter.

The meeting adjourned at 11am.