COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
OCTOBER 16, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: K. Huffman, Chair; P. Beehler;; E. Christidis; J. Del Real Viramontes; E. Engelschall, Ex-Officio;

ABSENT: E. Goucho; William Porter; J. Tobias

GUESTS: S. Heil, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research
V. Zendejas, Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Chair Huffman called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Chair Huffman welcomed all new and returning members. Following introductions of the Committee members, the Committee's charge and bylaws were reviewed.

The Committee discussed meeting modality and voted to have all future meetings held via zoom.

The committee reviewed the charge for the Special Review Committee and had a discussion with Emily Engelschall, AVC of Enrollment Services. The Chair then asked for a member to volunteer to serve as the Committee's Chair and representative to the Special Review Committee and member Paul Beehler volunteered. Chair Huffman will step in if Paul is unable to attend.

The Committee approved the Conflict-of-Interest Statement for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Chair Huffman provided the Committee with an update from the July 10, 2026, and October 2, 2026, meetings of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS). BOARS had consultation and a presentation from UC Scout. UC Scout is an online educational program developed by the University of California designed to provide high school and middle school students with access to A-G approved and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. BOARS also received presentations from the following: the Educational Testing Service on the ACT, the College Board on the Digital SAT, and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) on the 11th Grade Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment. The official minutes of the BOARS meetings can be found at: https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/committees/boars/index.html.

The Committee reviewed the Teaching with AI at UCR/ AI Council Instructional Guidance and generally supports the document. UAC appreciates the practical, forward-looking stance of the proposal, but concerns were raised about workload, ethics, and campus logistics for implementation of the guidance. On the positive side, treating AI as a practical skill rather than banning it outright makes sense, as does protecting student privacy with university-supported tools and being cautious about unreliable AI detectors. However, executing this strategy creates some challenges. Faculty face a heavy workload redesigning courses and monitoring exams, while students are left navigating a confusing patch of rules that vary from class to class. Moving back to in-person testing also creates an urgent need for better proctoring resources and awareness of high-tech cheating tools. On top of that, the document misses several bigger issues:

the financial cost of software subscriptions, the potential impact on student well-being, the legal risks surrounding AI copyright disputes, and a system that places all accountability on students while ignoring the responsibilities of software developers. Despite the concerns, UAC recognizes that this is a difficult issue to tackle as well as something that is rapidly evolving. Thus, the consensus from the UAC is one of support for the document as we recognize how challenging it is to create a compressive guidance plan that will work for everyone at UCR.

AVC Engelschall and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Veronica Zendejas, shared with the committee that they are working on gathering data for admissions targets for next year and the campus is working to increase transfer admissions. It was also noted that the Enrollment Governance Council meets once a quarter. The Undergraduate Admissions Overview will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:58AM.
Approved: November 13, 2026
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